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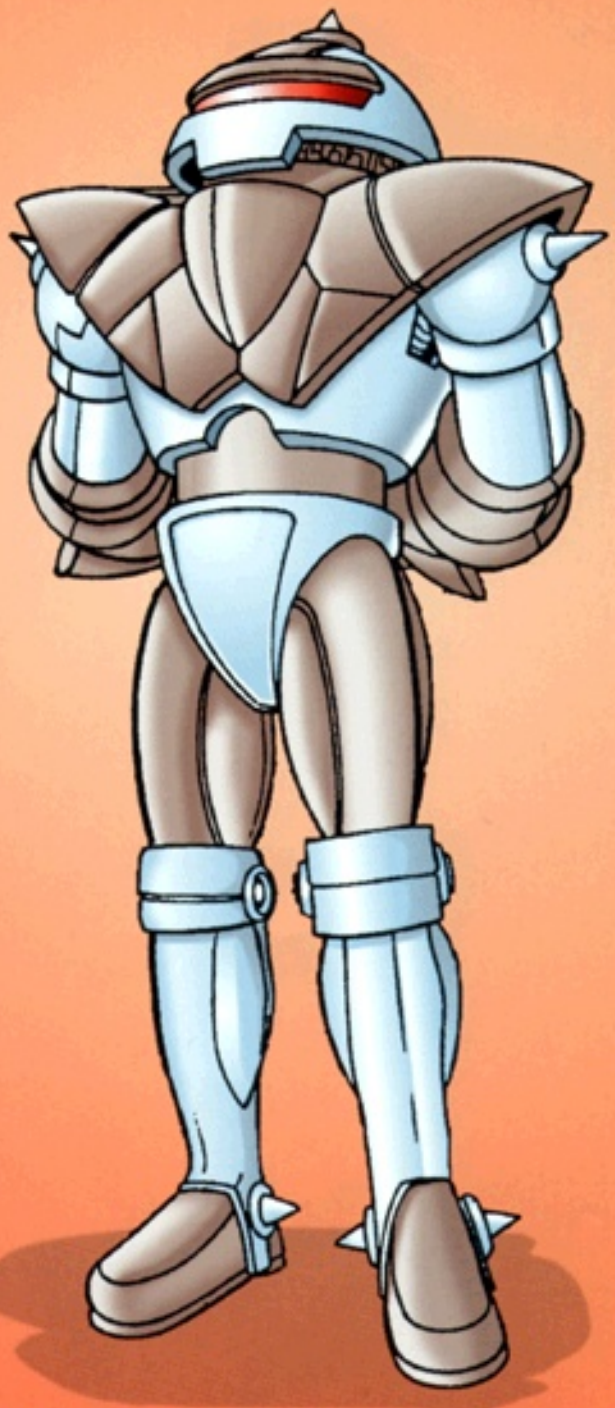

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FIRST THINGS FIRST...

An introduction by Paul Castiglia.

Sonic The Hedgehog— affectionately referred to as "the blue blur." To say the character was well-known when first submitted to us as a possible comic book property is only half-right. You see, Sonic was the product of a Japanese artist named Naoto Oshima. Like many of his Japanese colleagues, Oshima's work seemed influenced by pioneering American animators such as Otto Messmer, Walt Disney, Ub Iwerks and Max Fleischer— as well as by the "father" of Japanese comics and animation, Osamu Tesuka. The influence was so complete in fact, that like those artists' most famous creations— Felix The Cat, Mickey Mouse, Betty Boop and in Japan, Mighty Atom (known as "Astro Boy" in America)— Sonic too became a character that was instantly recognizable. Somehow, Oshima managed to bottle the essence of those creations— to create a character so appealing to the eye that you'd swear you'd seen it before dozens of times— all of your life, perhaps. So this was the character that was presented to us. As the spokes-mascot of a video game company called SEGA, the snappy blue hedgehog was soon plastered in every mall, electronics store and toy shop across the country— on posters, ads, packaging, displays— you name it. And so, he became well-known— if only by sight. That was the half-right part. That changed very quickly, however. After the launch of the first Sonic The Hedgehog video game created by Yuji Naka and his computer team (now affectionately called "Sonic Team"), and subsequent Sonic game releases which broke all kinds of sales records, Sonic's name became more well-known as well. Sega even produced its own mini-comic of the character which they gave away to customers. Without a hint of just how popular the character would become down the road, we figured at least his legions of video game fans would be enough to support an ongoing comic series. Boy, were we pleasantly surprised! **SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #0** was released to great publicity and fine sales, but the real story came later. A few months after we launched the comic book, Sonic also made his debut as an animated TV character. In fact, it was perhaps the first time in animation history that two separate shows were simultaneously produced featuring the same character. "The Adventures Of Sonic The Hedgehog" took a freewheeling slapstick approach to the characters and was seen across the nation in daily syndication. Meanwhile, the ABC-TV network checked in with a Saturday morning version simply called "Sonic The Hedgehog." This series was filled with pure, slam-bang adventure and intrigue— and thoughtful characterization. In the beginning, Sega instructed our editorial team to reflect the art and story styles of the syndicated series, but it soon became apparent from fan reaction that the Saturday morning series was the one striking a nerve. The comic soon followed suit with a mix of the two styles, but a heavier emphasis on the dramatic. When the Saturday morning series ended, the comic supplanted it as the only place in America to read new, authorized stories of Sonic and his friends on a regular basis. Consequently sales have actually increased— a rare feat for most comic characters in the 1990s! With many new fans jumping on board and a shortage of back issues available, we felt the time was right to offer a Sonic collection featuring hard-to-find stories. This edition is extra- special because it includes the first Archie-published comic appearances of Sonic, Robotnik, Princess Sally, Tails, Knuckles, Bunnie Rabbot and Super Sonic. It also offers us the opportunity to "fix" the inconsistencies that appeared in many early stories. As the comic series and the animated shows were simultaneously developed, the tight, advanced scheduling of the comic industry kept us from keeping up with last-minute changes made to the shows. This resulted in Sally being printed in various color schemes that didn't match her TV counterpart as well as Rotor being referred to as Boomer. In an effort not to confuse new fans, we have made the necessary changes so the stories reflect the current continuity of these characters. So what are you waiting for? Whether you're reading these stories for the "first" time or re-visiting old friends, we suggest you devour this book the way the "blue blur" himself devours chili dogs— we're sure it will satisfy your appetite!

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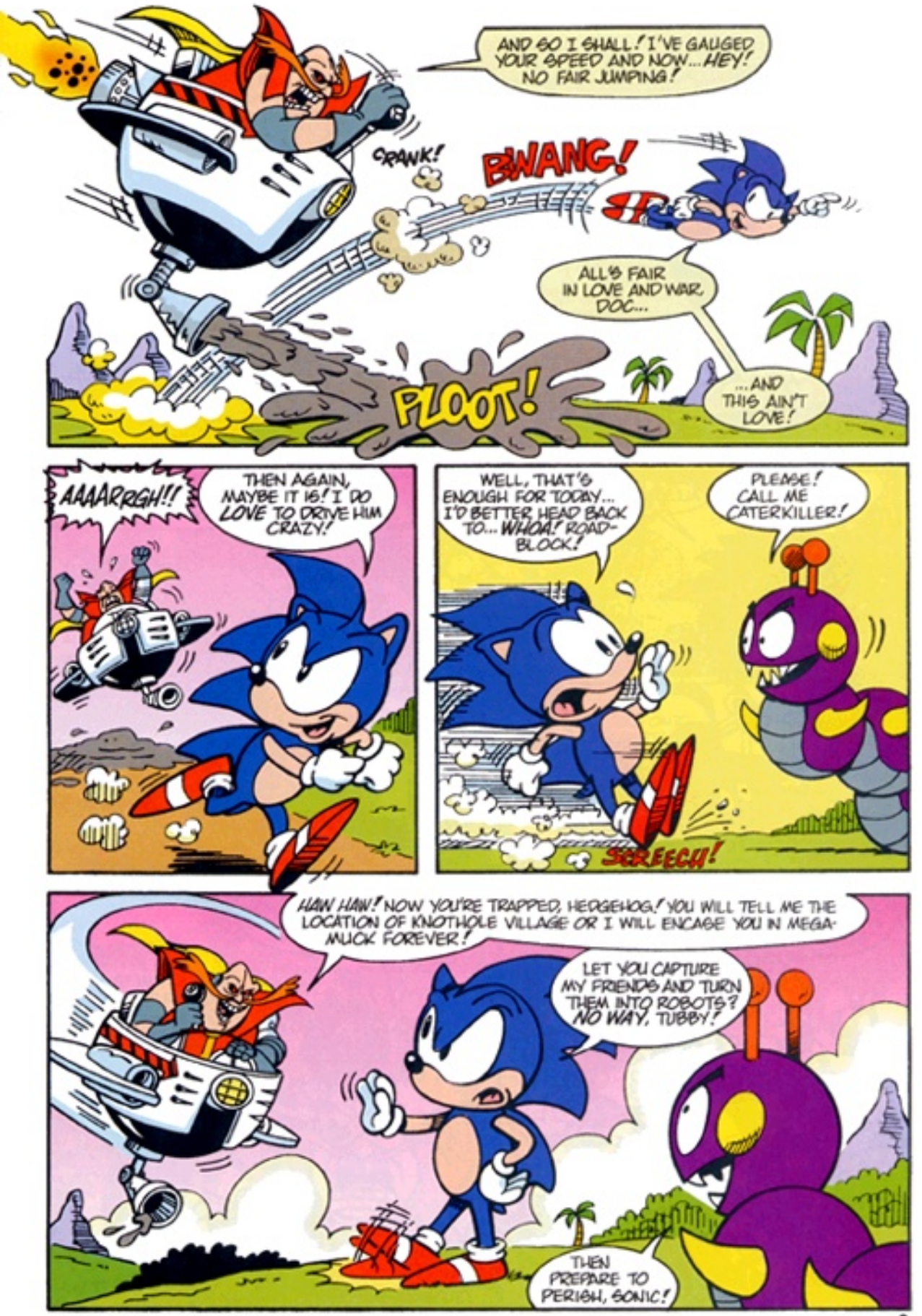
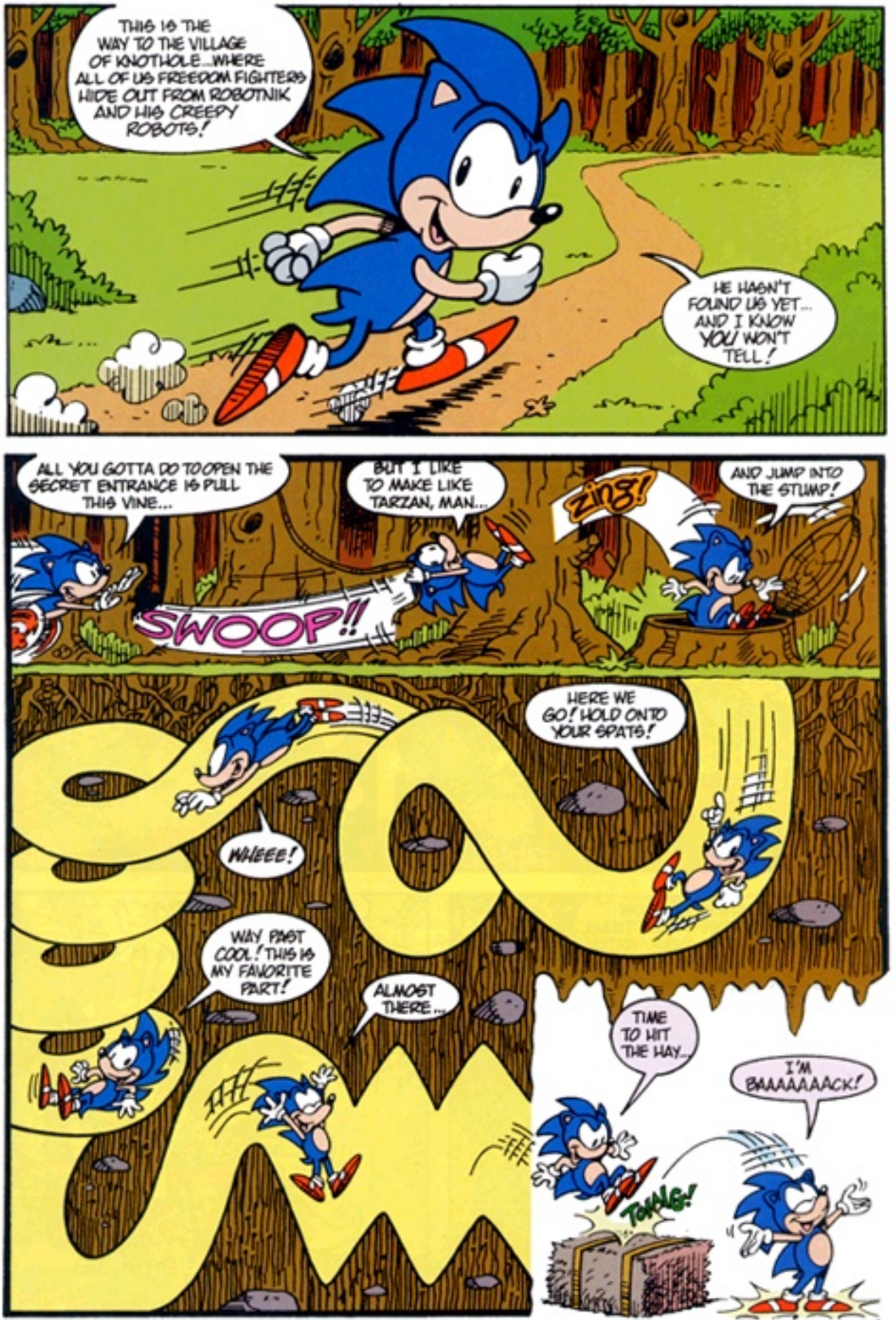
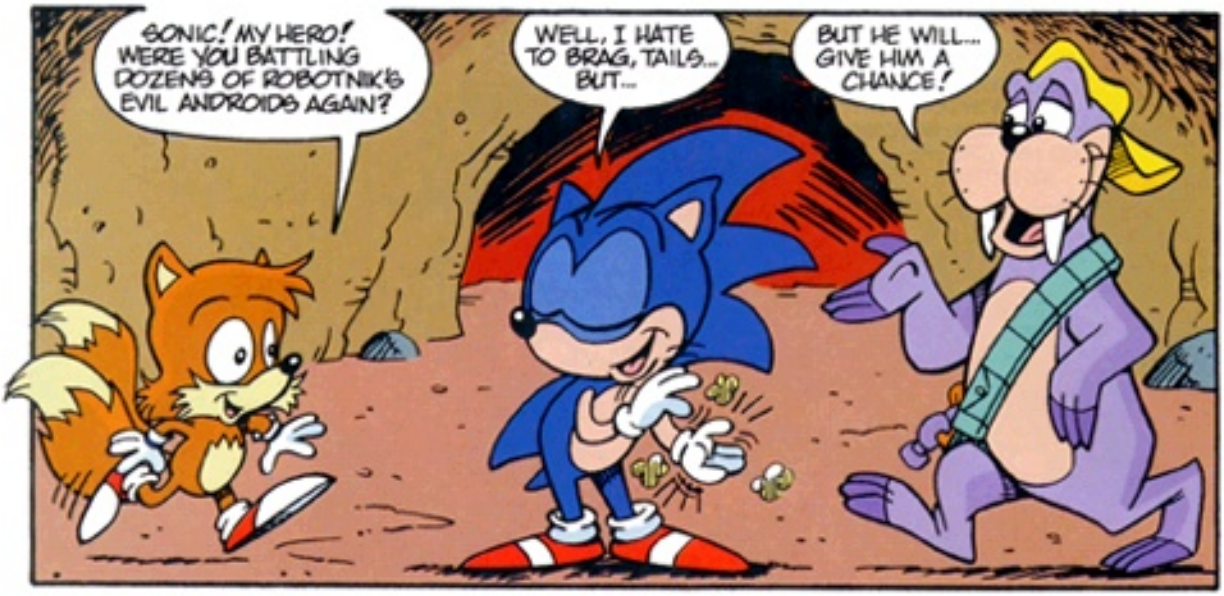
THE HEROES OF KNOTHOLE VILLAGE
THE PLANET MOBIUS USED TO BE A BEAUTIFUL AND FUN PLACE TO LIVE... UNTIL THE EVIL DR. ROBOTNIK TOOK OVER, USING HIS POLLUTING ROBOTS. A BRAVE TEAM OF FREEDOM FIGHTERS STRUGGLE TO OVERTHROW THE DICTATOR... LED BY THE FASTEST AND WAY COOLEST DUDE ON TWO FEET...
THE VILLAINS FROM THE CITY OF ROBOTROPOLIS
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™
in
DON'T CRY FOR ME, MOBIUS!
SONIC
ROBOTNIK
THIS MEGA MUCK WILL STOP YOU IN YOUR TRACKS, SONIC!
CRANG!
TAILS
BUZZBOMBER
YOU GOTTA HIT ME WITH IT FIRST, ROBOTNIK!
ROTOR
CLUCK
SPLOT!
SALLY
CRABMEAT
ANTOINE
CATERKILLER


AND SO I SHALL! I'VE GAUGED YOUR SPEED AND NOW... HEY! NO FAIR JUMPING!
CRANK!
B'WANG!
ALL'S FAIR IN LOVE AND WAR, DOC...
...AND THIS AIN'T LOVE!
PLOOT!
AAAARRGH!!
THEN AGAIN, MAYBE IT IS! I DO LOVE TO DRIVE HIM CRAZY!
WELL, THAT'S ENOUGH FOR TODAY... I'D BETTER HEAD BACK TO... WHOA! ROAD-BLOCK!
PLEASE! CALL ME CATERKILLER!
SCREECH!
HAW HAW! NOW YOU'RE TRAPPED, HEDGEHOG! YOU WILL TELL ME THE LOCATION OF KNOTHOLE VILLAGE OR I WILL ENCAGE YOU IN MEGA-MUCK FOREVER!
LET YOU CAPTURE MY FRIENDS AND TURN THEM INTO ROBOTS? NO WAY, TUBBY!
THEN PREPARE TO PERISH, SONIC!

I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR THIS MOMENT!
CRAWK!
WELL, YOU'LL HAVE TO KEEP WAITING, 'CAUSE A SONIC SPIN IS GONNA KEEP THAT MEGA MUCK OFF ME!
GUH-SPLOK!
BOING
EGAD! IT SPLATTERED ALL OVER MY CATERKILLER!
AIN'T THAT JUST TOO BAD.
YOU'RE RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS, YOU... YOU... YOU...
YOUR NEEDLE'S STUCK, CHUBBY...
I'D LOVE TO STICK AROUND, BUT I'VE GOTTA JUICE!
VROOM!
LARRRGH!
I'LL GET THAT HEDGEHOG IF IT'S THE LAST THING I DO...
CATCH YA LATER, METAL MOUTH!

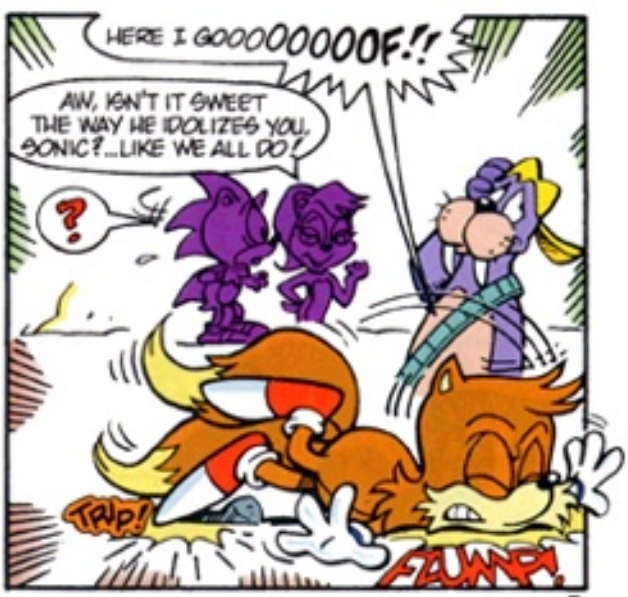

THIS IS THE WAY TO THE VILLAGE OF KNOTHOLE...WHERE ALL OF US FREEDOM FIGHTERS HIDE OUT FROM ROBOTNIK AND HIS CREEPY ROBOTS!
HE HASN'T FOUND US YET... AND I KNOW YOU WON'T TELL!
ALL YOU GOTTA DO TO OPEN THE SECRET ENTRANCE IS PULL THIS VINE...
BUT I LIKE TO MAKE LIKE TARZAN, MAN...
SWOOP!!
ZING!
AND JUMP INTO THE STUMP!
HERE WE GO! HOLD ON TO YOUR SPATS!
WHEEE!
WAY PAST COOL! THIS IS MY FAVORITE PART!
ALMOST THERE...
TIME TO HIT THE HAY...
I'M BAAAAAAACK!
TONG!

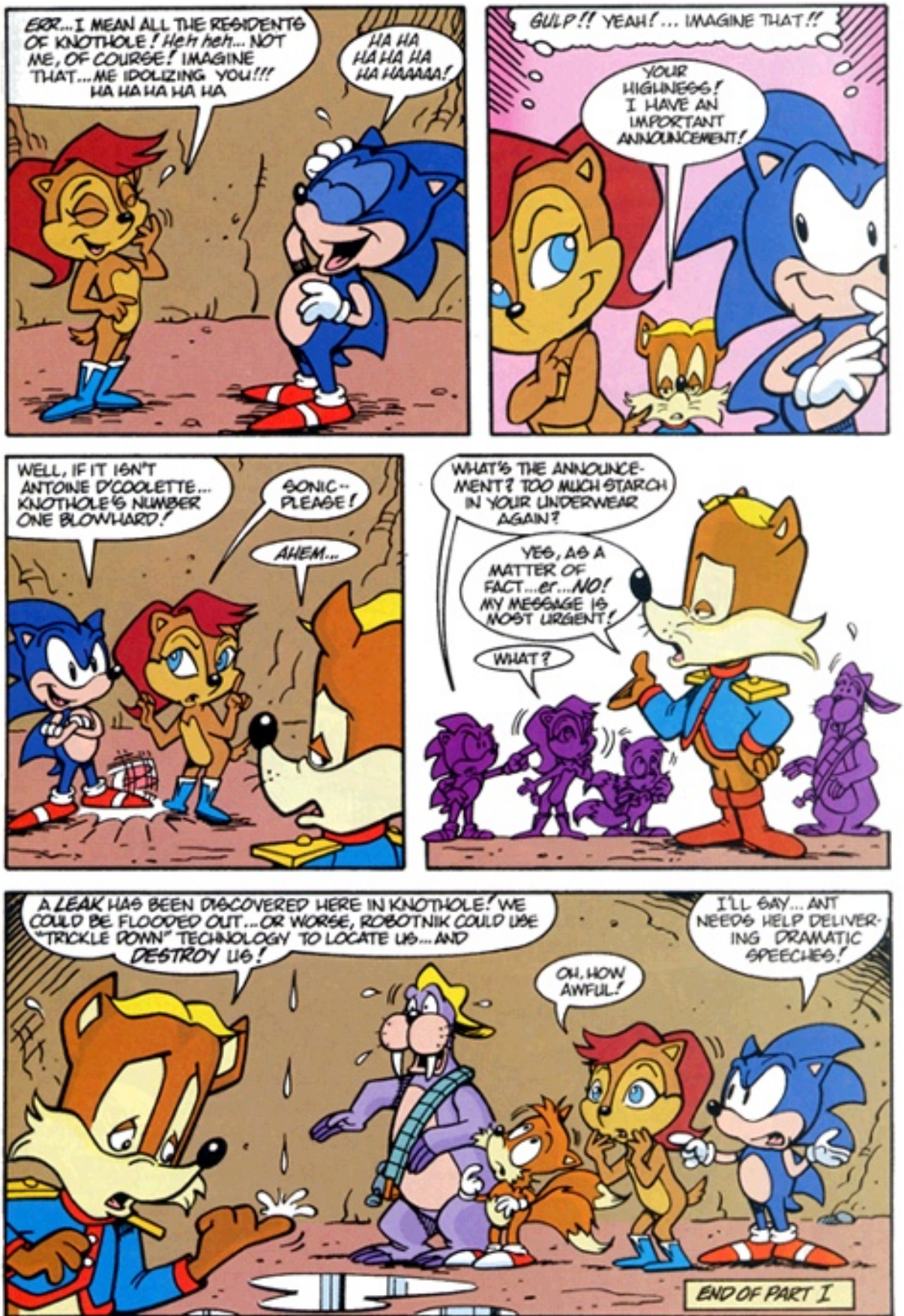

SONIC! MY HERO! WERE YOU BATTLING DOZENS OF ROBOTNIK'S EVIL ANDROIDS AGAIN?
WELL, I HATE TO BRAG, TAILS... BUT...
BUT HE WILL... GIVE HIM A CHANCE!

BRAGGING'S ONE THING, ROTOR... LEAVING A TRAIL FOR ROBOTNIK TO FOLLOW IS ANOTHER!
PRINCESS SALLY!

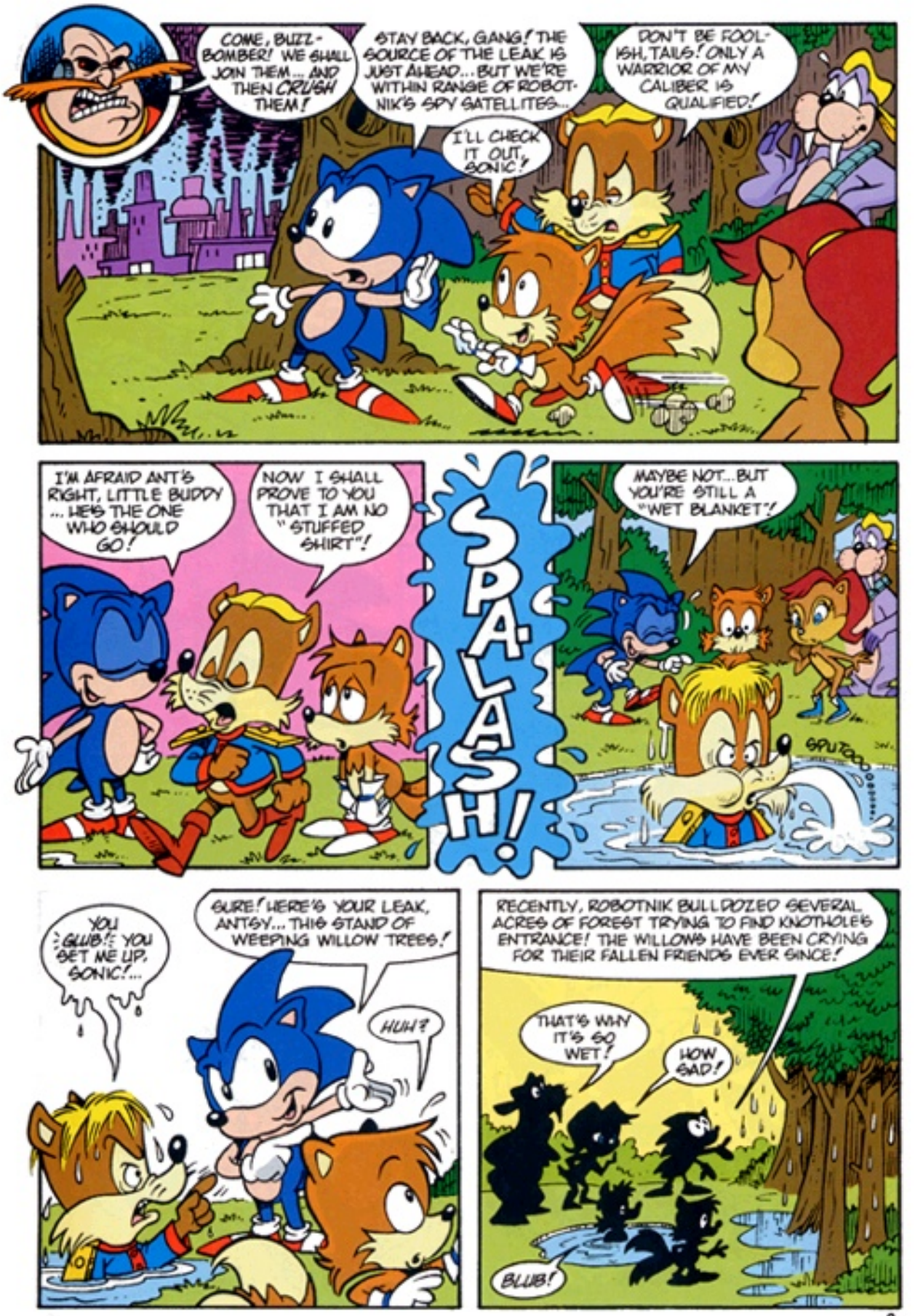
HAVE NO FEAR, YOUR ROYAL WORRY-WART! I TOOK OFF AT WARP SONIC SPEED! MY FEET NEVER TOUCHED THE GROUND!
HMMPH!

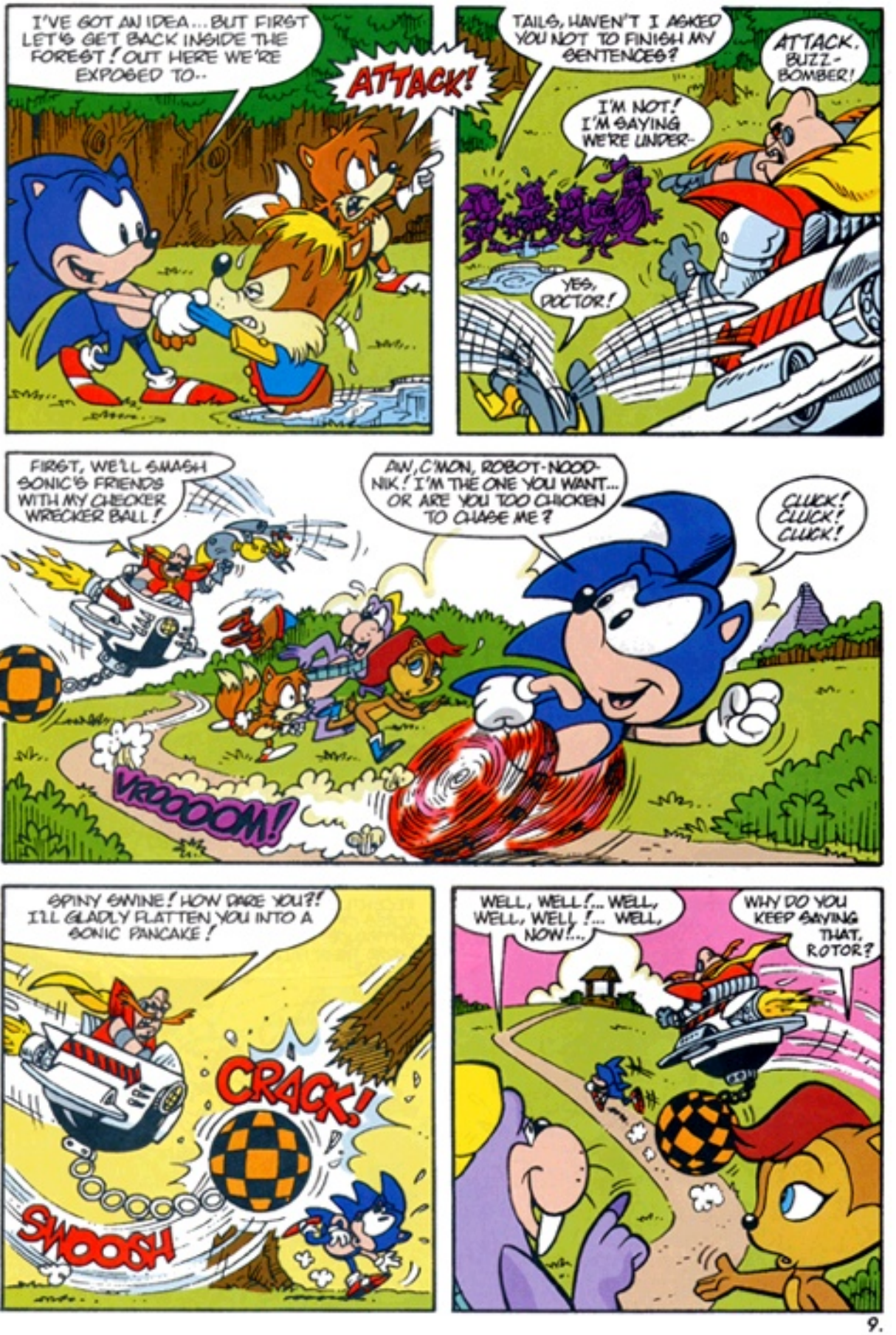
OH BOY! I KNOW JUST HOW HE DID IT! ... I'VE BEEN PRACTICING THE SAME MOVE MYSELF! WATCH ME, EVERYBODY!
CAREFUL, TAILS!
WHIRRRRRR

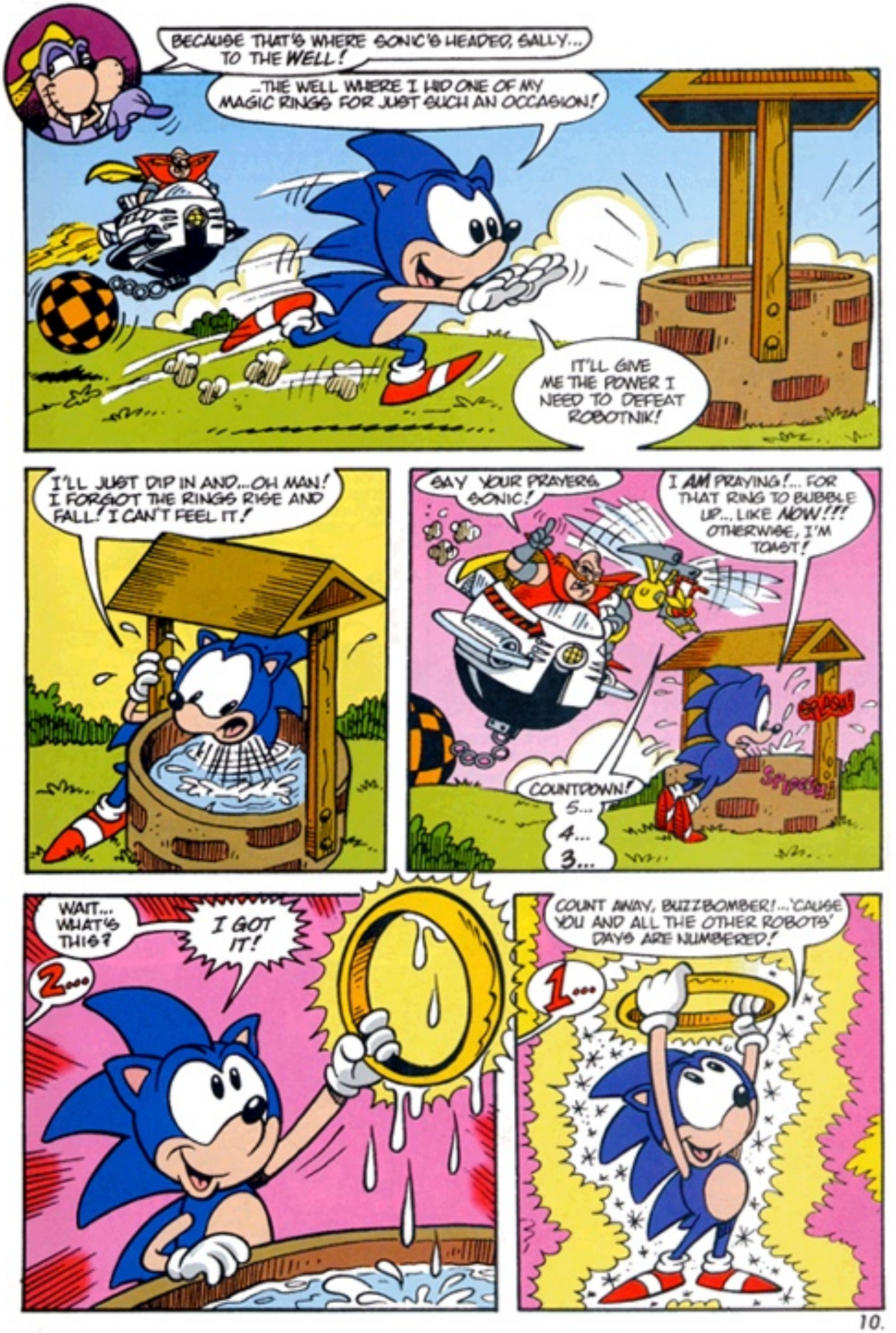

HERE I GOOOOOOOOF!!
AW, ISN'T IT SWEET THE WAY HE IDOLIZES YOU, SONIC? ...LIKE WE ALL DO!
?
TRIP!
FLUMP!


ERR... I MEAN ALL THE RESIDENTS OF KNOTHOLE! Heh heh... NOT ME, OF COURSE! IMAGINE THAT... ME IDOLIZING YOU!!! HA HA HA HA HA
HA HA HA HA HA HAAAAA!
GULP!! YEAH! ... IMAGINE THAT!!
YOUR HIGHNESS! I HAVE AN IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!
WELL, IF IT ISN'T ANTOINE D'COOLETTE... KNOTHOLE'S NUMBER ONE BLOWHARD!
SONIC-- PLEASE!
AHEM...
WHAT'S THE ANNOUNCEMENT? TOO MUCH STARCH IN YOUR UNDERWEAR AGAIN?
YES, AS A MATTER OF FACT... er... NO! MY MESSAGE IS MOST URGENT!
WHAT?
A LEAK HAS BEEN DISCOVERED HERE IN KNOTHOLE! WE COULD BE FLOODED OUT... OR WORSE, ROBOTNIK COULD USE "TRICKLE DOWN" TECHNOLOGY TO LOCATE US... AND DESTROY US!
OH, HOW AWFUL!
I'LL SAY... ANT NEEDS HELP DELIVERING DRAMATIC SPEECHES!
END OF PART I

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™
MUST BE ELIMINATED!
in DON'T CRY FOR ME, MOBIUS!
PART 2
YES, DOCTOR... BUT HOW? WE CAN'T FIND THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS' HIDEOUT!
DR. ROBOTNIK:
SUPREME DICTATOR, INDUSTRIAL POLLUTER, MEGALOMANIAC...
...CORRUPT POLITICIAN, UNDERHANDED REPROBATE, RAIN FOREST RAVAGER, PUPPY KICKER, OIL SPILL COORDINATOR, HOLIDAY HATER, INSURANCE SALESMAN
WAIT, I'M GETTING SOMETHING ON THE SPY SCREEN!
RIGHTS VIOLATED WHILE U WAIT!
GOOD WORK, CRABMEAT! A GROUP OF NON-ROBOTS ARE WANDERING THE EDGE OF THE GREAT FOREST! IT COULD BE THEM!!!
ZEEP! ZEEP! ZEEP! ZEEP!
TSK! I JUST CLEANED THAT MONITOR!


COME, BLIZ-BOMBER! WE SHALL JOIN THEM... AND THEN CRUSH THEM!
STAY BACK, GANG! THE SOURCE OF THE LEAK IS JUST AHEAD... BUT WE'RE WITHIN RANGE OF ROBOTNIK'S SPY SATELLITES...
I'LL CHECK IT OUT, SONIC!
DON'T BE FOOLISH, TAILS! ONLY A WARRIOR OF MY CALIBER IS QUALIFIED!
I'M AFRAID ANT'S RIGHT, LITTLE BUDDY ... HE'S THE ONE WHO SHOULD GO!
NOW I SHALL PROVE TO YOU THAT I AM NO "STUFFED SHIRT"!
SPA-LASH!
MAYBE NOT... BUT YOU'RE STILL A "WET BLANKET"!
SPUTOOO
YOU GLUB!... YOU SET ME UP, SONIC!...
SURE! HERE'S YOUR LEAK, ANTSY... THIS STAND OF WEEPING WILLOW TREES!
HUH?
RECENTLY, ROBOTNIK BULLDOZED SEVERAL ACRES OF FOREST TRYING TO FIND KNOTHOLE'S ENTRANCE! THE WILLOWS HAVE BEEN CRYING FOR THEIR FALLEN FRIENDS EVER SINCE!
THAT'S WHY IT'S SO WET!
HOW SAD!
BLUB!


I'VE GOT AN IDEA... BUT FIRST LET'S GET BACK INSIDE THE FOREST! OUT HERE WE'RE EXPOSED TO..
ATTACK!
TAILS, HAVEN'T I ASKED YOU NOT TO FINISH MY SENTENCES?
I'M NOT! I'M SAYING WE'RE UNDER-
ATTACK, BUZZ-BOMBER!
YES, DOCTOR!
FIRST, WE'LL SMASH SONIC'S FRIENDS WITH MY CHECKER WRECKER BALL!
AW, C'MON, ROBOT-NOODNIK! I'M THE ONE YOU WANT... OR ARE YOU TOO CHICKEN TO CHASE ME?
CLUCK! CLUCK! CLUCK!
VROOOOM!
SPINY SWINE! HOW DARE YOU?! I'LL GLADLY FLATTEN YOU INTO A SONIC PANCAKE!
CRACK!
SWOOSH
WELL, WELL!... WELL, WELL, WELL!... WELL, NOW!...
WHY DO YOU KEEP SAYING THAT, ROTOR?


BECAUSE THAT'S WHERE SONIC'S HEADED, SALLY... TO THE WELL!
...THE WELL WHERE I HID ONE OF MY MAGIC RINGS FOR JUST SUCH AN OCCASION!
IT'LL GIVE ME THE POWER I NEED TO DEFEAT ROBOTNIK!
I'LL JUST DIP IN AND...OH MAN! I FORGOT THE RINGS RISE AND FALL! I CAN'T FEEL IT!
SAY YOUR PRAYERS, SONIC!
I AM PRAYING!... FOR THAT RING TO BUBBLE UP... LIKE NOW!!! OTHERWISE, I'M TOAST!
SPLASH!
COUNTDOWN! 5... 4... 3...
WAIT... WHAT'S THIS?
I GOT IT!
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COUNT AWAY, BUZZBOMBER!...'CAUSE YOU AND ALL THE OTHER ROBOTS' DAYS ARE NUMBERED!
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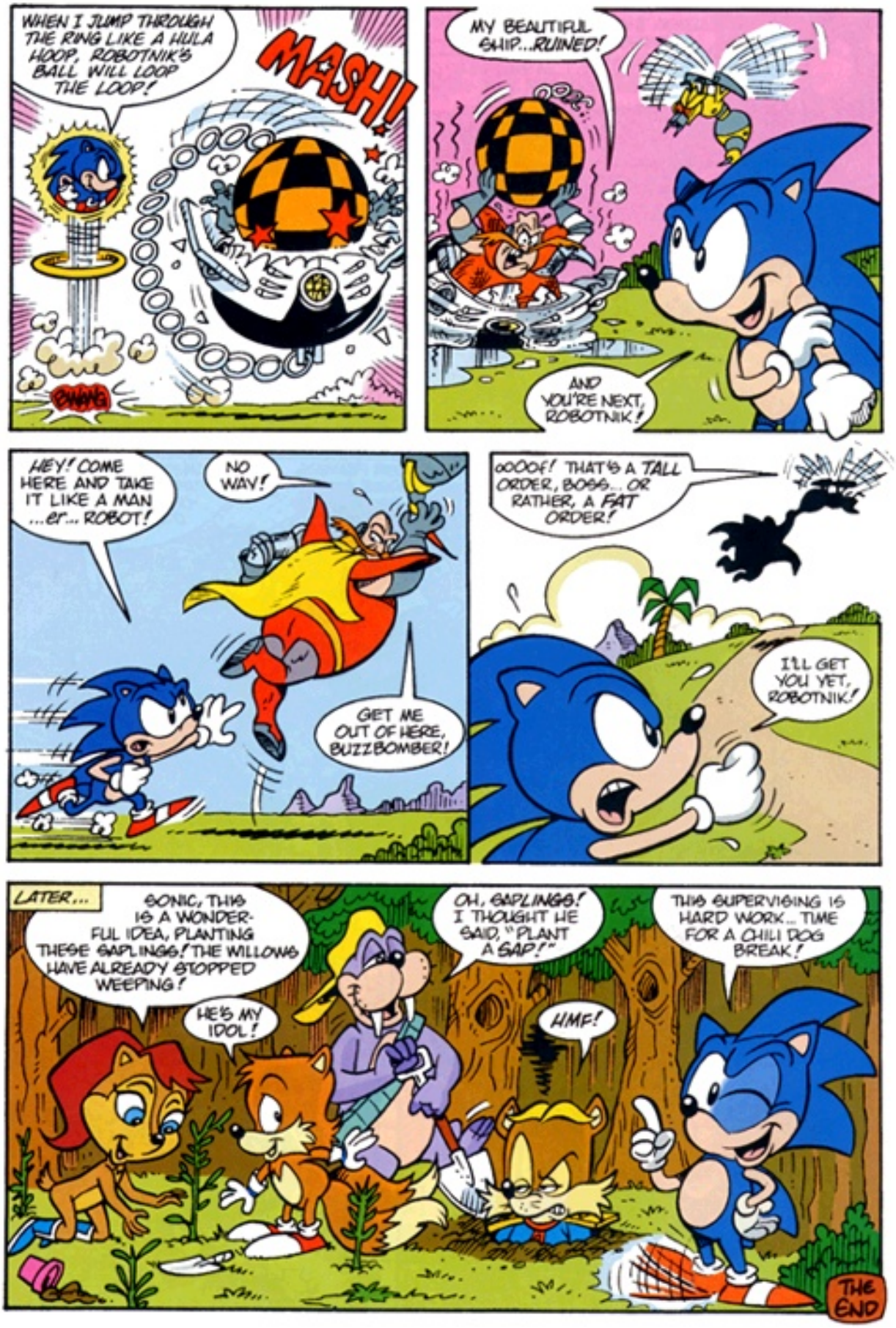
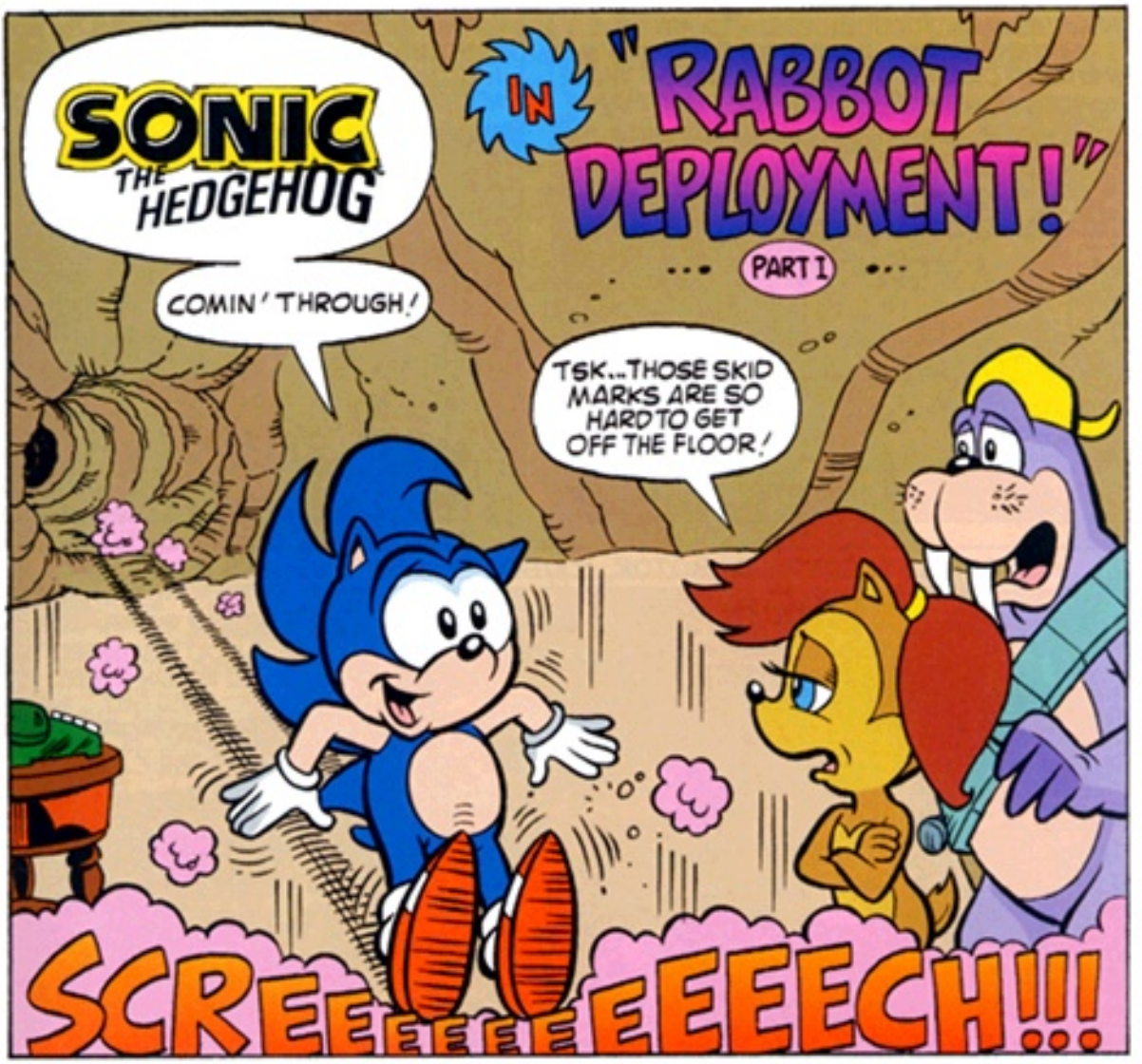
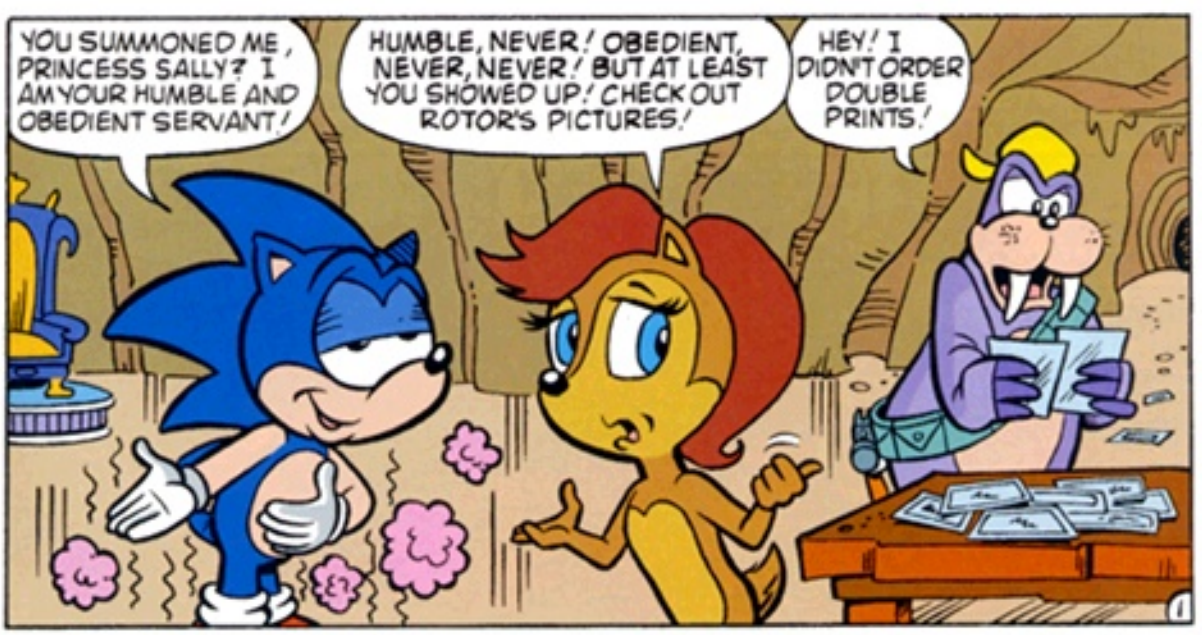
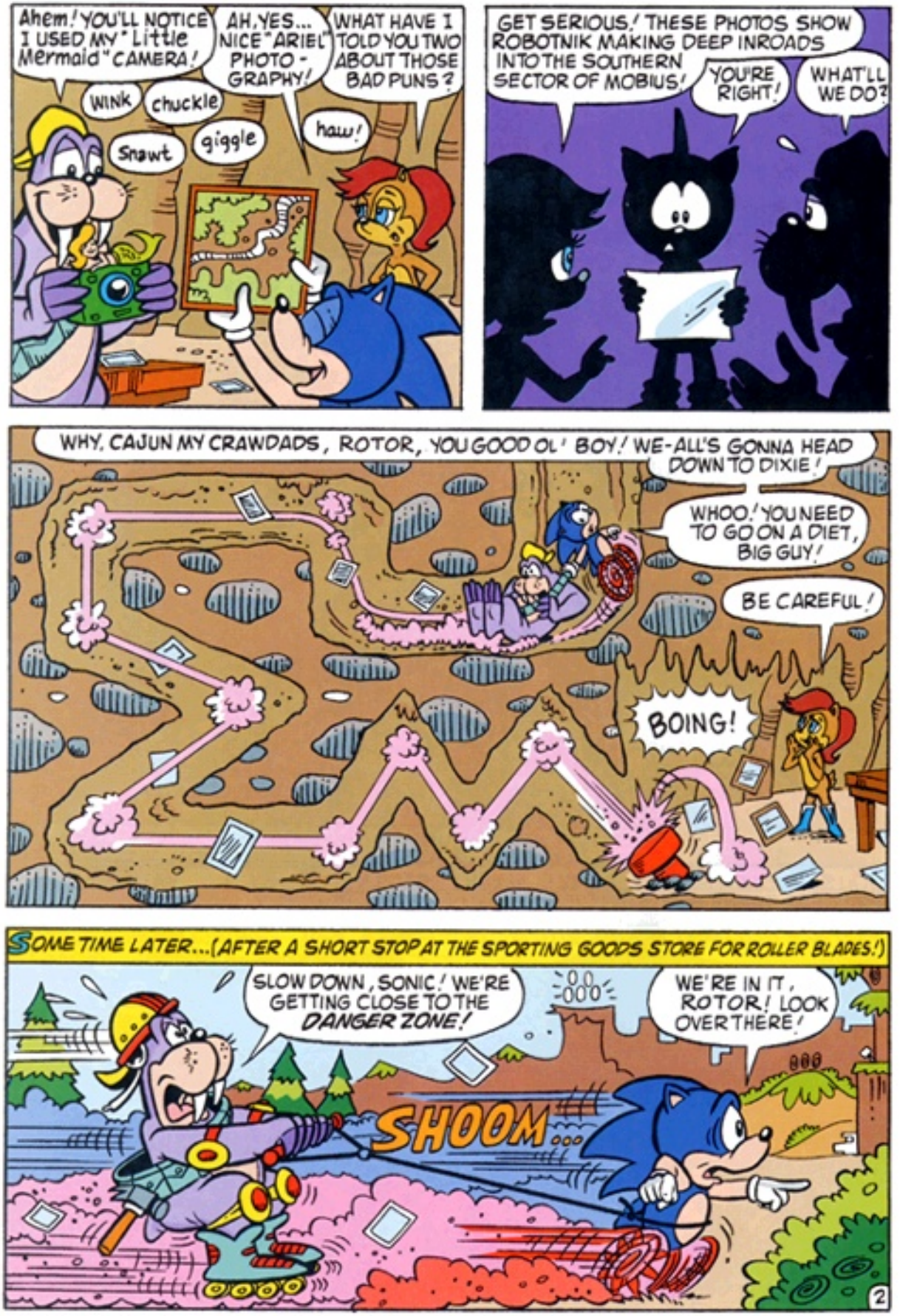

WHEN I JUMP THROUGH THE RING LIKE A HULA HOOP, ROBOTNIK'S BALL WILL LOOP THE LOOP!
MASH!
BWANG
MY BEAUTIFUL SHIP...RUINED!
AND YOU'RE NEXT, ROBOTNIK!
HEY! COME HERE AND TAKE IT LIKE A MAN ...er... ROBOT!
NO WAY!
GET ME OUT OF HERE, BUZZBOMBER!
oOOOF! THAT'S A TALL ORDER, BOSS... OR RATHER, A FAT ORDER!
I'LL GET YOU YET, ROBOTNIK!
LATER...
SONIC, THIS IS A WONDERFUL IDEA, PLANTING THESE SAPLINGS! THE WILLOWS HAVE ALREADY STOPPED WEEPING!
HE'S MY IDOL!
OH, SAPLINGS! I THOUGHT HE SAID, "PLANT A SAP!"
HMF!
THIS SUPERVISING IS HARD WORK... TIME FOR A CHILI DOG BREAK!
THE END


SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
IN "RABBOT DEPLOYMENT!"
PART I
COMIN' THROUGH!
TSK...THOSE SKID MARKS ARE SO HARD TO GET OFF THE FLOOR!
SCREEEEEEEEEEECH!!!


YOU SUMMONED ME, PRINCESS SALLY? I AM YOUR HUMBLE AND OBEDIENT SERVANT!
HUMBLE, NEVER! OBEDIENT, NEVER, NEVER! BUT AT LEAST YOU SHOWED UP! CHECK OUT ROTOR'S PICTURES!
HEY! I DIDN'T ORDER DOUBLE PRINTS!


Ahem! YOU'LL NOTICE I USED MY "Little Mermaid" CAMERA!
AH, YES... NICE "ARIEL" PHOTO-GRAPHY!
WHAT HAVE I TOLD YOU TWO ABOUT THOSE BAD PUNS?
WINK
chuckle
giggle
haw!
Snawt
GET SERIOUS! THESE PHOTOS SHOW ROBOTNIK MAKING DEEP INROADS INTO THE SOUTHERN SECTOR OF MOBIUS!
YOU'RE RIGHT!
WHAT'LL WE DO?
WHY, CAJUN MY CRAWDADS, ROTOR, YOU GOOD OL' BOY! WE-ALL'S GONNA HEAD DOWN TO DIXIE!
WHOO! YOU NEED TO GO ON A DIET, BIG GUY!
BE CAREFUL!
BOING!
SOME TIME LATER...(AFTER A SHORT STOP AT THE SPORTING GOODS STORE FOR ROLLER BLADES!)
SLOW DOWN, SONIC! WE'RE GETTING CLOSE TO THE DANGER ZONE!
WE'RE IN IT, ROTOR! LOOK OVER THERE!
SHOOM...
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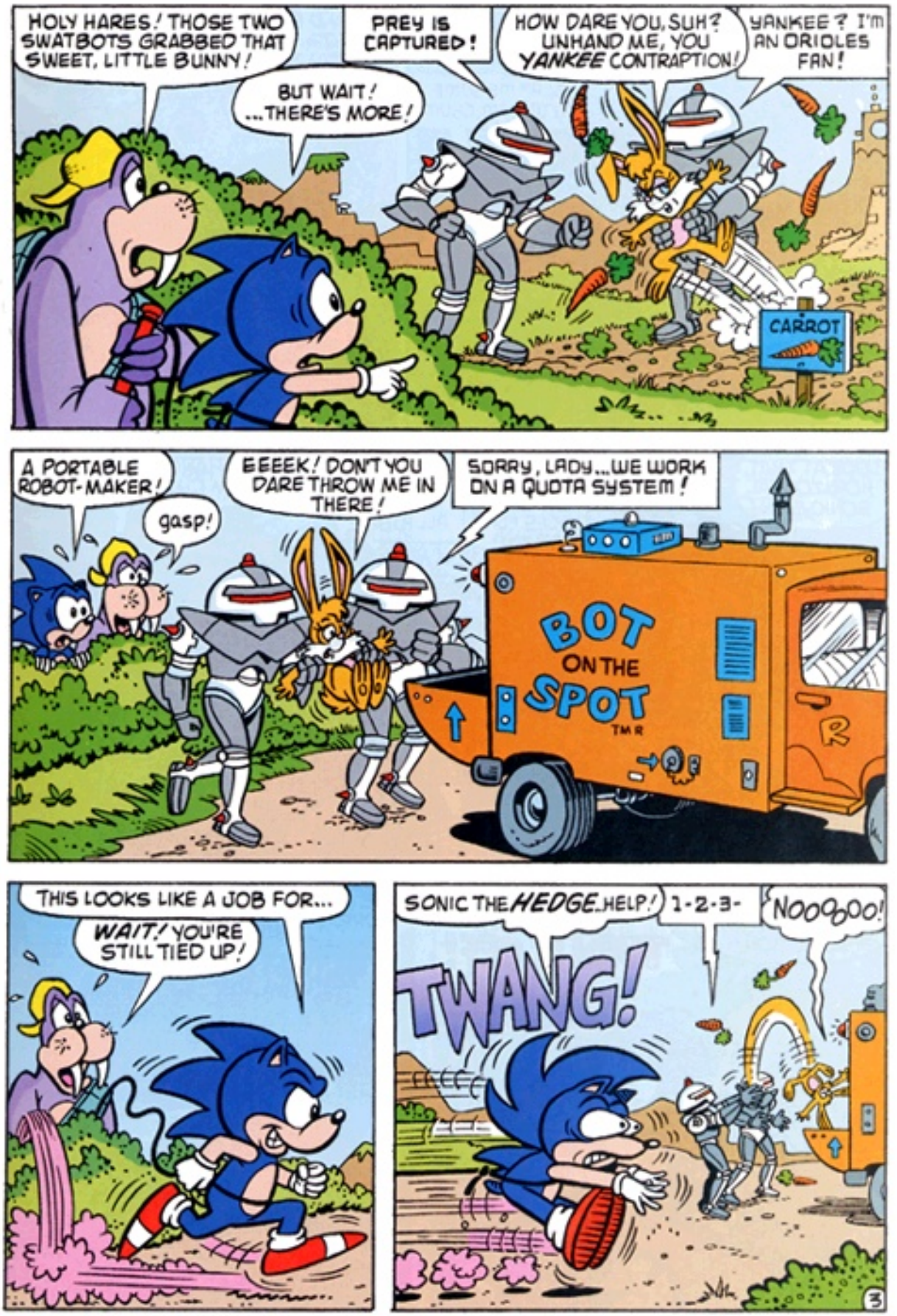
HOLY HARES! THOSE TWO SWATBOTS GRABBED THAT SWEET, LITTLE BUNNY!
BUT WAIT! ...THERE'S MORE!
PREY IS CAPTURED!
HOW DARE YOU, SUH? UNHAND ME, YOU YANKEE CONTRAPTION!
YANKEE? I'm AN ORIOLES FAN!
CARROT
A PORTABLE ROBOT-MAKER!
gasp!
EEEEK! DON'T YOU DARE THROW ME IN THERE!
SORRY, LADY...WE WORK ON A QUOTA SYSTEM!
BOT ON THE SPOT TM R
THIS LOOKS LIKE A JOB FOR...
WAIT! YOU'RE STILL TIED UP!
SONIC THE HEDGE...HELP!
1-2-3-
NOOOOOO!
TWANG!
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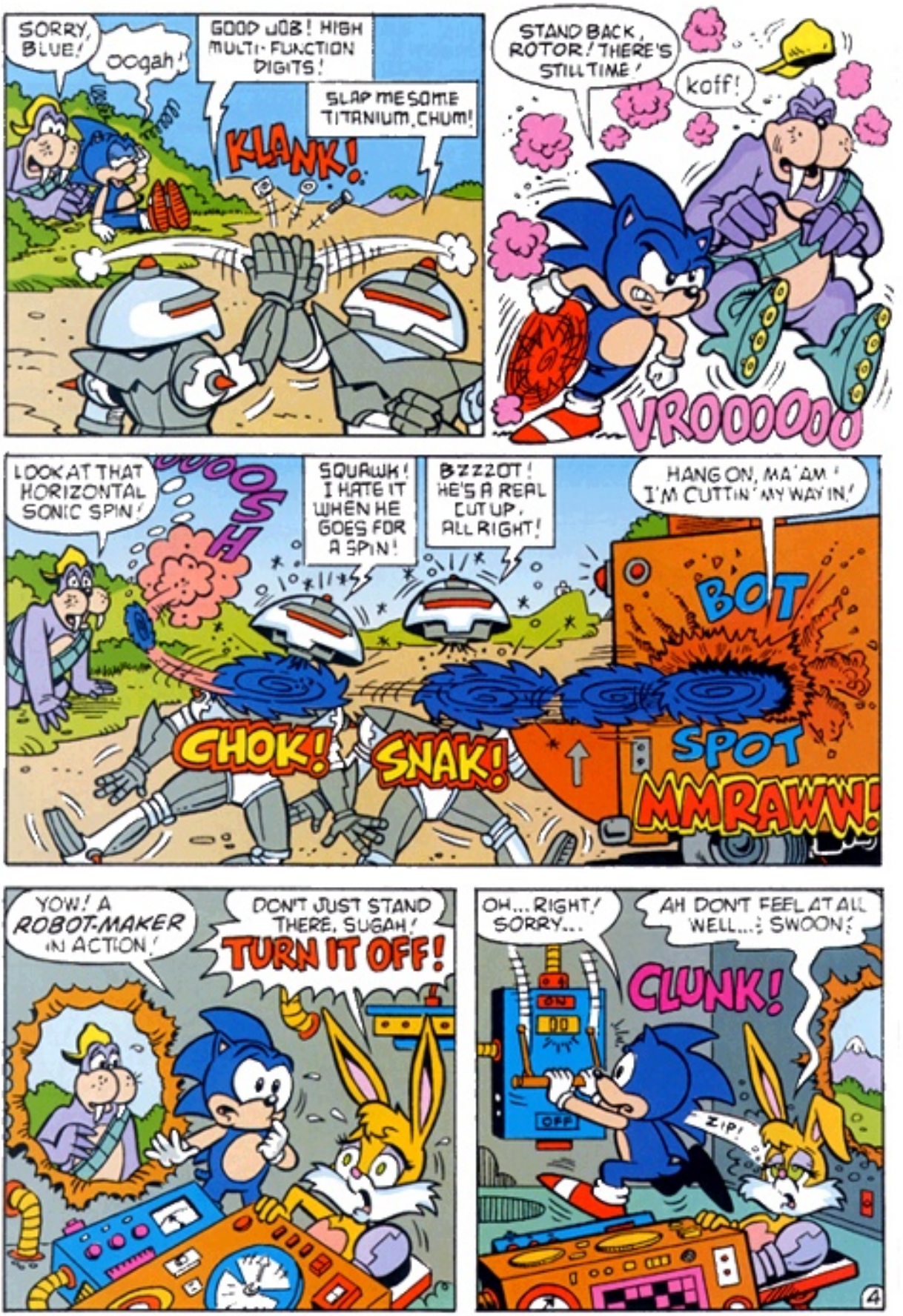
SORRY, BLUE!
oogah!
GOOD JOB! HIGH MULTI-FUNCTION DIGITS!
SLAP ME SOME TITANIUM, CHUM!
KLANK!
STAND BACK, ROTOR! THERE'S STILL TIME!
koff!
VROOOOOO
LOOK AT THAT HORIZONTAL SONIC SPIN!
OOOSH
SQUAWK! I HATE IT WHEN HE GOES FOR A SPIN!
BZZZOT! HE'S A REAL CUT UP, ALL RIGHT!
HANG ON, MA'AM! I'M CUTTIN' MY WAY IN!
BOT
CHOK!
SNAK!
SPOT
MMRAWW!
YOW! A ROBOT-MAKER IN ACTION!
DON'T JUST STAND THERE, SUGAH! TURN IT OFF!
OH... RIGHT! SORRY...
AH DON'T FEEL AT ALL WELL...: SWOON:
CLUNK!
ON
OFF
ZIP!
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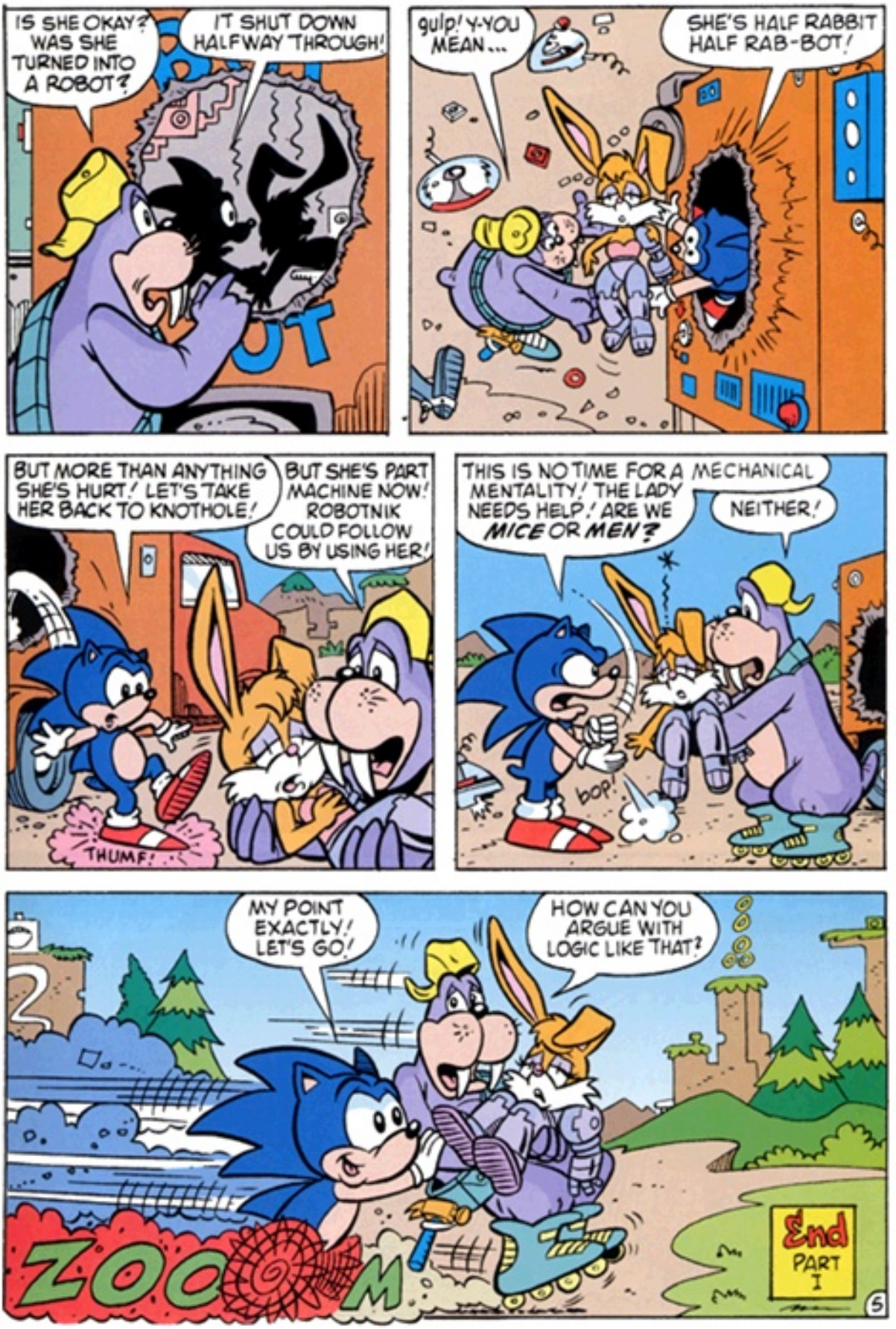
IS SHE OKAY? WAS SHE TURNED INTO A ROBOT?
IT SHUT DOWN HALFWAY THROUGH!
gulp! Y-YOU MEAN...
SHE'S HALF RABBIT HALF RAB-BOT!
BUT MORE THAN ANYTHING SHE'S HURT! LET'S TAKE HER BACK TO KNOTHOLE!
BUT SHE'S PART MACHINE NOW! ROBOTNIK COULD FOLLOW US BY USING HER!
THUMF!
THIS IS NO TIME FOR A MECHANICAL MENTALITY! THE LADY NEEDS HELP! ARE WE MICE OR MEN?
NEITHER!
bop!
MY POINT EXACTLY! LET'S GO!
HOW CAN YOU ARGUE WITH LOGIC LIKE THAT?
ZOOM
End PART I
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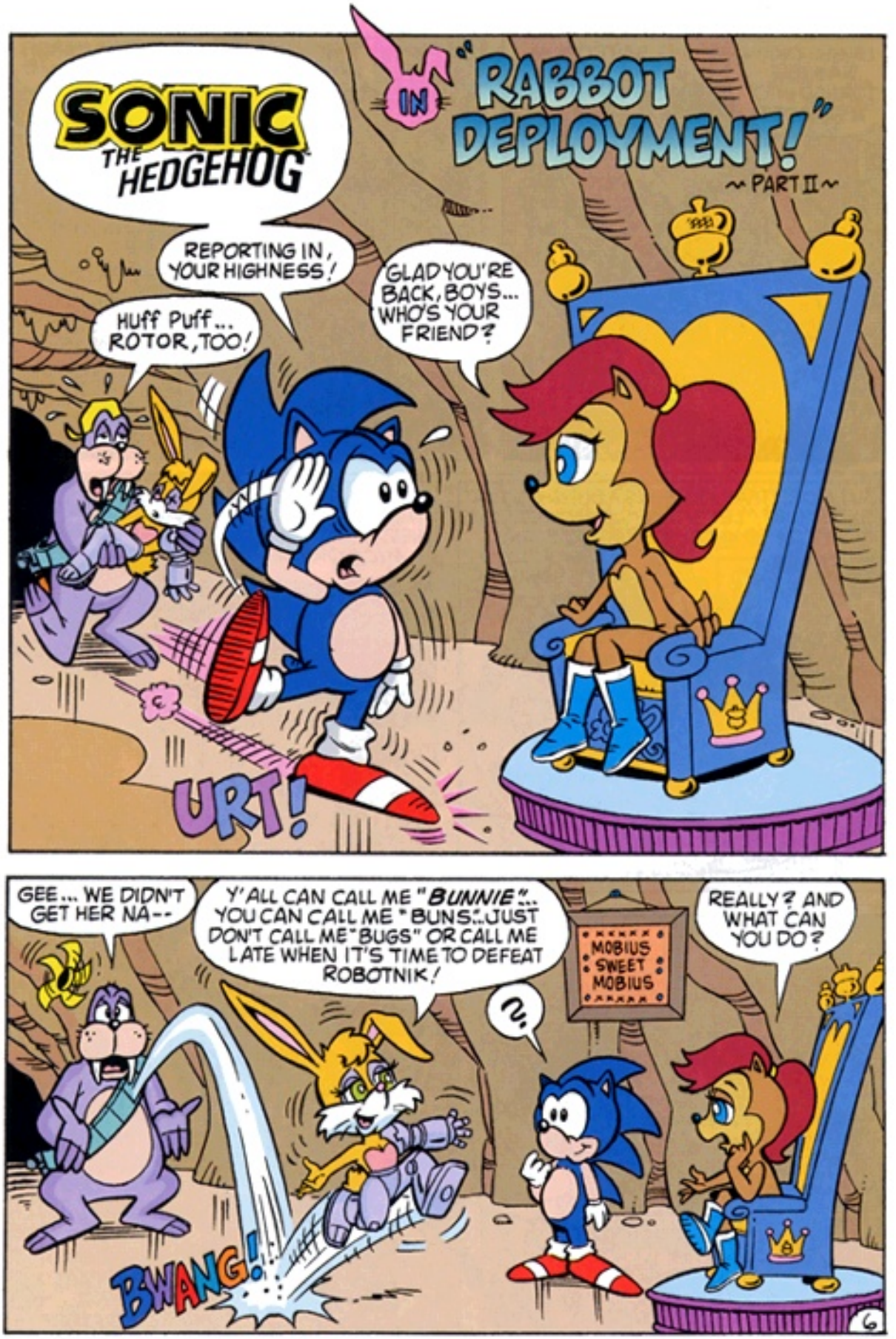
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~PART II~
REPORTING IN, YOUR HIGHNESS!
HUFF PUFF... ROTOR, TOO!
GLAD YOU'RE BACK, BOYS... WHO'S YOUR FRIEND?
URT!
GEE... WE DIDN'T GET HER NA--
Y'ALL CAN CALL ME "BUNNIE"... YOU CAN CALL ME "BUNS"... JUST DON'T CALL ME "BUGS" OR CALL ME LATE WHEN IT'S TIME TO DEFEAT ROBOTNIK!
MOBIUS SWEET MOBIUS
REALLY? AND WHAT CAN YOU DO?
BWANG!
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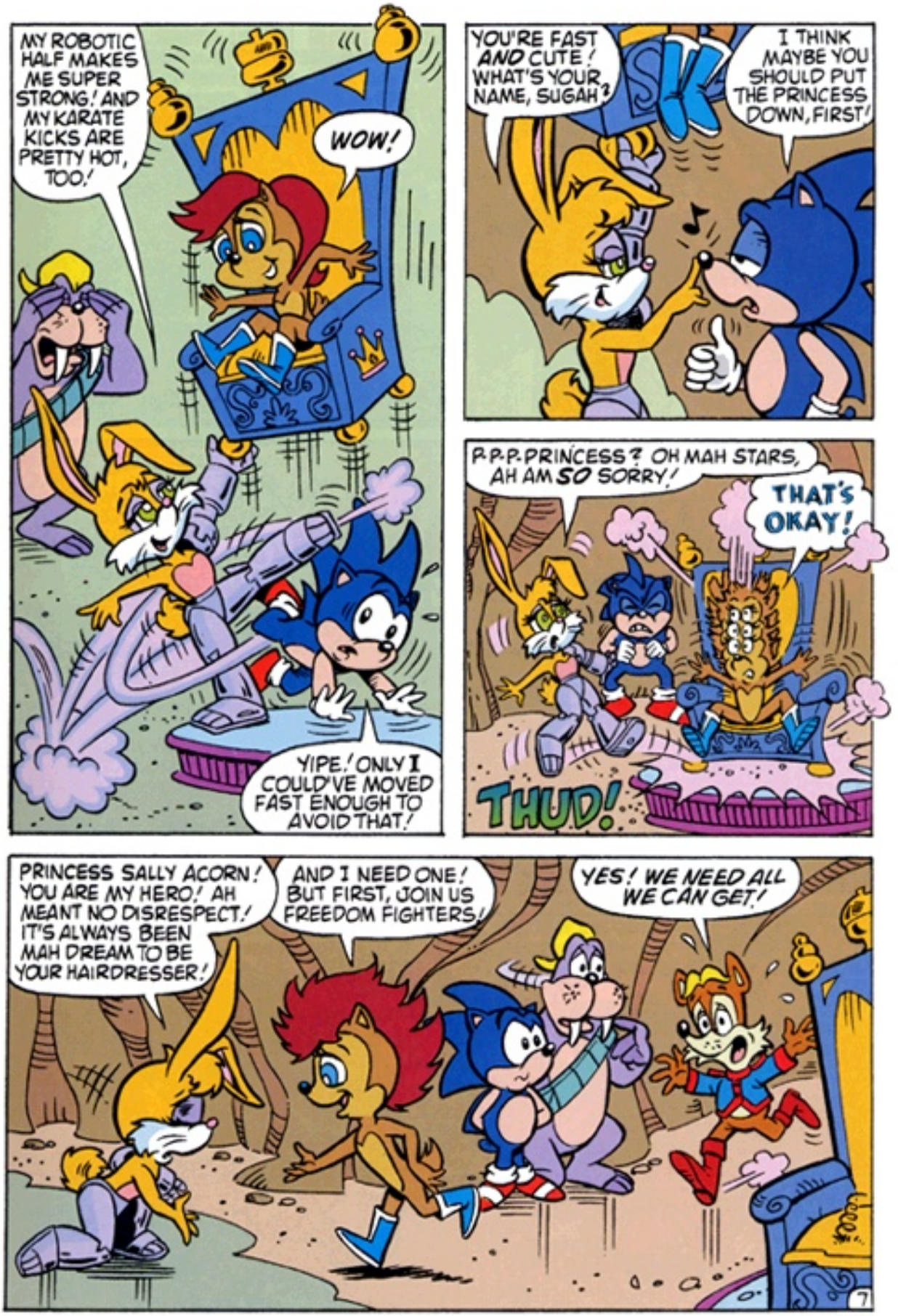
MY ROBOTIC HALF MAKES ME SUPER STRONG! AND MY KARATE KICKS ARE PRETTY HOT, TOO!
WOW!
YIPE! ONLY I COULD'VE MOVED FAST ENOUGH TO AVOID THAT!
YOU'RE FAST AND CUTE! WHAT'S YOUR NAME, SUGAH?
I THINK MAYBE YOU SHOULD PUT THE PRINCESS DOWN, FIRST!
P-P-P-PRINCESS? OH MAH STARS, AH AM SO SORRY!
THAT'S OKAY!
THUD!
PRINCESS SALLY ACORN! YOU ARE MY HERO! AH MEANT NO DISRESPECT! IT'S ALWAYS BEEN MAH DREAM TO BE YOUR HAIRDRESSER!
AND I NEED ONE! BUT FIRST, JOIN US FREEDOM FIGHTERS!
YES! WE NEED ALL WE CAN GET!
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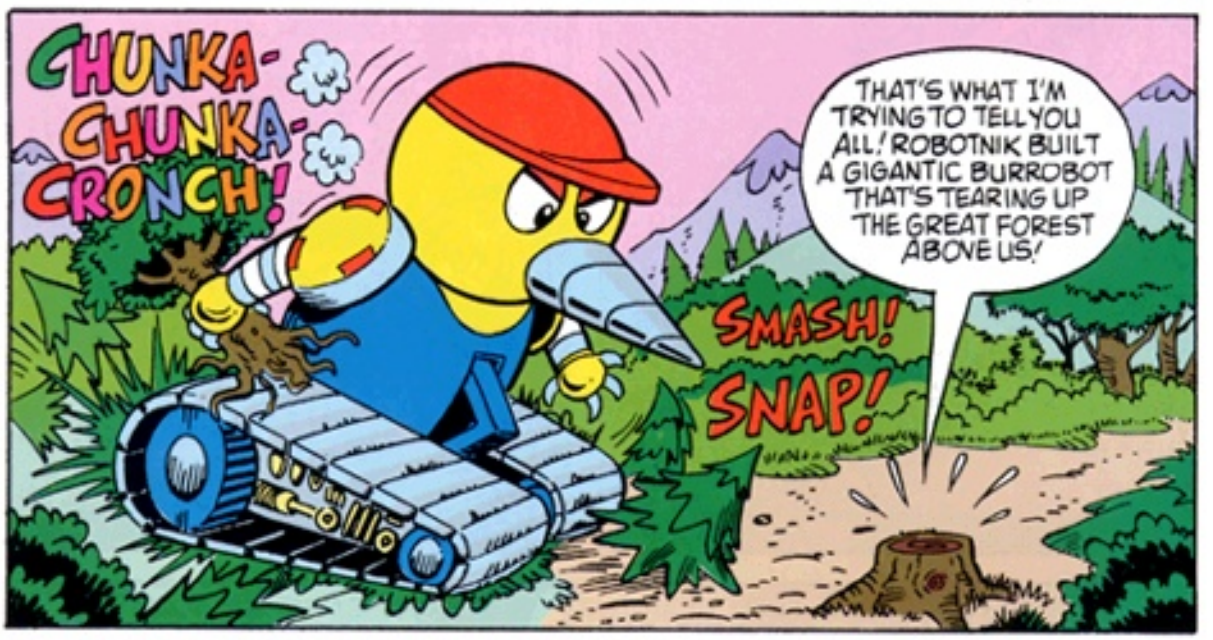
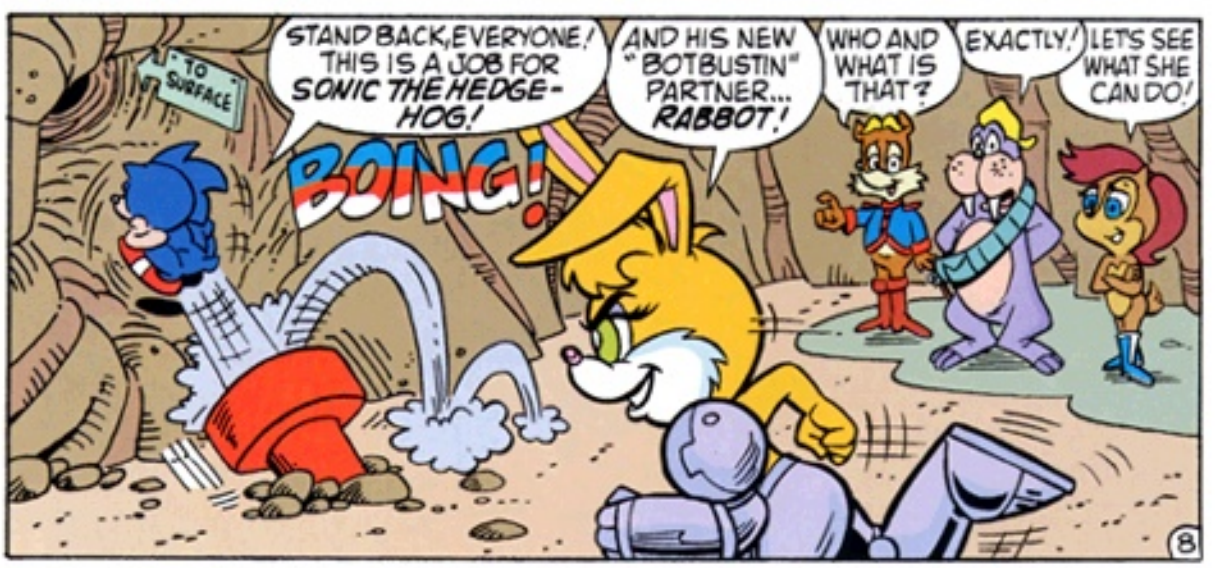
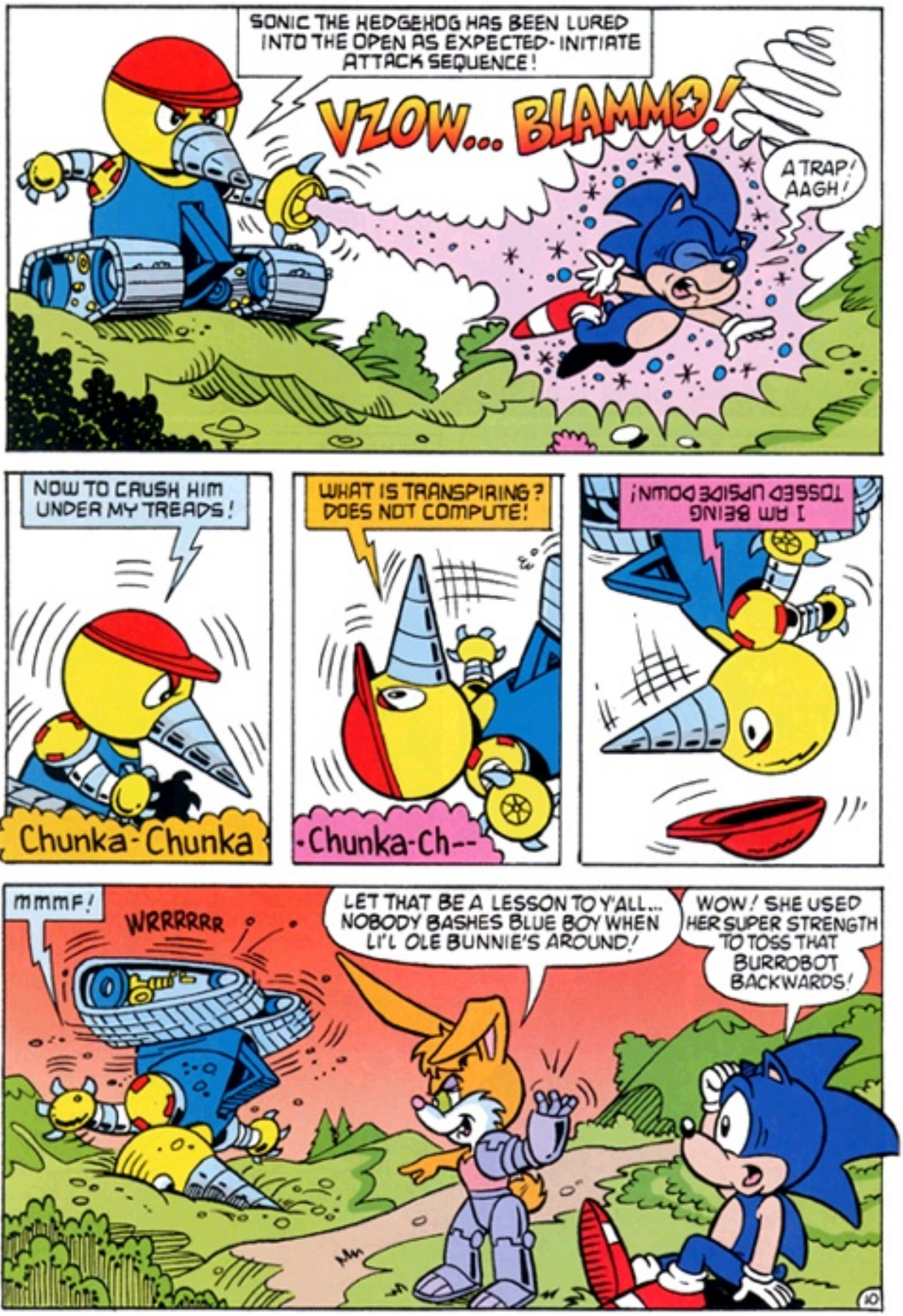
MY, OH MY! WHO IS THAT LI'L OL' SOLDIER BOY?
THAT'S ANTOINE D' COOLETTE ...OR AS I CALL HIM, "THE HEAD WINDBAG"!
HIGHNESS! IT WAS THIS BIG! NO BIGGER! REALLY!
YOU INTERRUPTED US TO TALK ABOUT YOUR FISHING TRIP?
RUMBLE!
HEY... WHAT'S THAT RUMBLING?


CHUNKA-CHUNKA-CRONCH!
THAT'S WHAT I'M TRYING TO TELL YOU ALL! ROBOTNIK BUILT A GIGANTIC BURROBOT THAT'S TEARING UP THE GREAT FOREST ABOVE US!
SMASH!
SNAP!


TO SURFACE
STAND BACK, EVERYONE! THIS IS A JOB FOR SONIC THE HEDGE-HOG!
BOING!
AND HIS NEW "BOTBUSTIN" PARTNER... RABBOT!
WHO AND WHAT IS THAT?
EXACTLY!
LET'S SEE WHAT SHE CAN DO!

OKAY... WHERE IS THAT FLEA-BITTEN BUCKET OF BOLTS AT?
GET BACK DOWN HEAH, SUGAH!
CHUNKA-CHUNKA-CHUNK
ZIP!
CHUNKA...
CHUNKITA-CHUK!
WHOO! THANKS, BUNNIE! I WAS ALMOST A SONIC PANCAKE!
DON'T MENTION IT! ALTHOUGH I MAY USE YOU FOR A REFERENCE WHEN I APPLY TO HAIR-DRESSING SCHOOL!
MEANWHILE, LET'S DISPENSE WITH THIS ILL-MANNERED MACHINE!... YA'LL GOT A PLAN?
I SURE DO, BUNNIE... WATCH MY SMOKE!
BROWMM...
I'M GONNA PLAY THE GAME OF "TWISTER" WITH HIM! AND I PROVIDE THE TORNADO!
GRACIOUS ME! SONIC'S QUITE A HERO! BUT AH COULD TELL PRINCESS SALLY HAS DESIGNS ON THAT HEDGEHOG!
HUH?
THE BURROBOT'S TURNING!
...NO!
WHRRRRR


SONIC THE HEDGEHOG HAS BEEN LURED INTO THE OPEN AS EXPECTED- INITIATE ATTACK SEQUENCE!
VZOW... BLAMMO!
A TRAP! AAGH!
NOW TO CRUSH HIM UNDER MY TREADS!
Chunka-Chunka
WHAT IS TRANSPIRING? DOES NOT COMPUTE!
-Chunka-Ch--
I AM BEING TOSSED UPSIDE DOWN!
mmmF!
WRRRRRR
LET THAT BE A LESSON TO Y'ALL... NOBODY BASHES BLUE BOY WHEN LI'L OLE BUNNIE'S AROUND!
WOW! SHE USED HER SUPER STRENGTH TO TOSS THAT BURROBOT BACKWARDS!
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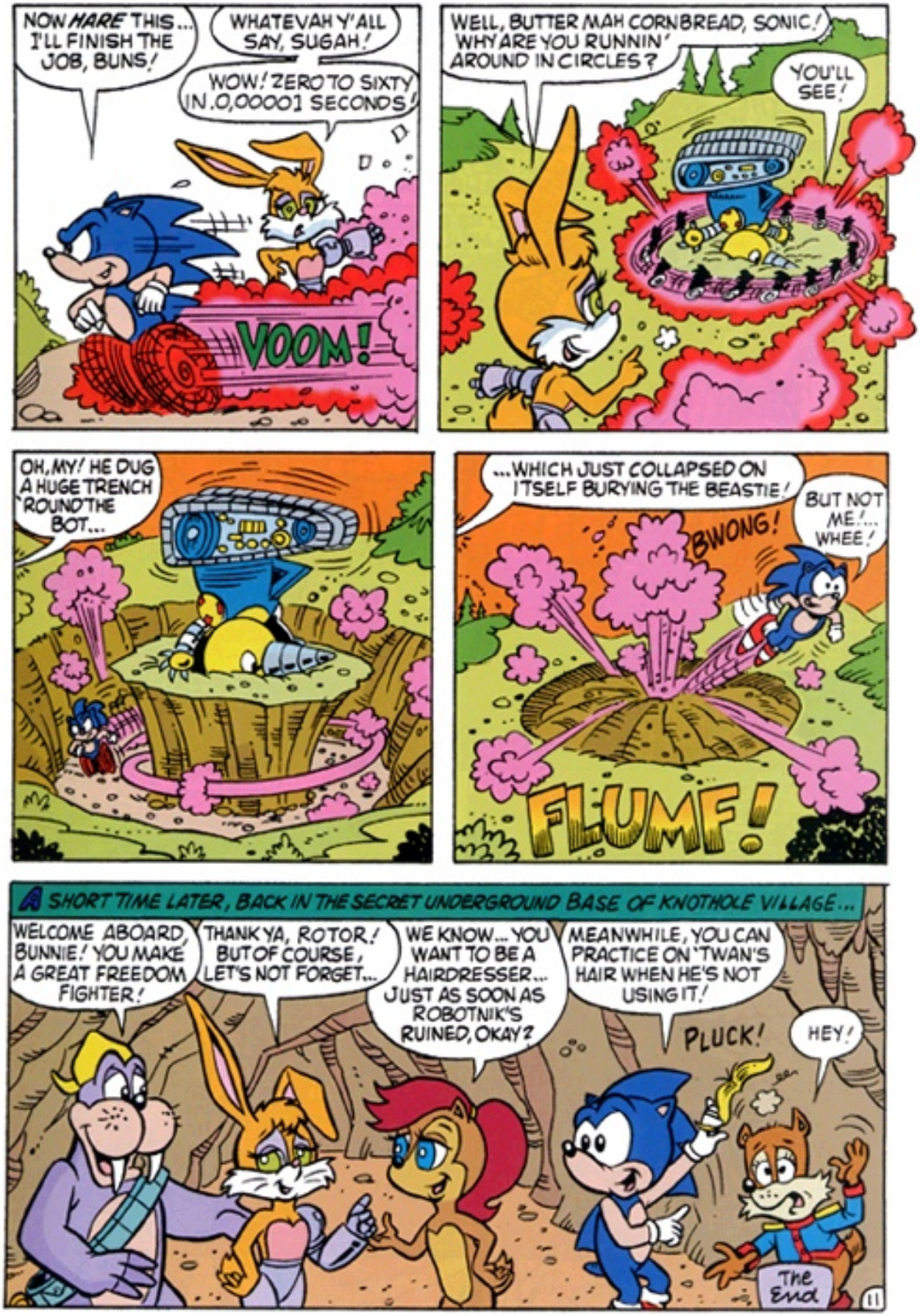
NOW HARE THIS... I'LL FINISH THE JOB, BUNS!
WHATEVAH Y'ALL SAY, SUGAH!
WOW! ZERO TO SIXTY IN .0,00001 SECONDS!
VOOM!
WELL, BUTTER MAH CORNBREAD, SONIC! WHY ARE YOU RUNNIN' AROUND IN CIRCLES?
YOU'LL SEE!
OH, MY! HE DUG A HUGE TRENCH 'ROUND THE BOT...
...WHICH JUST COLLAPSED ON ITSELF BURYING THE BEASTIE!
BWONG!
BUT NOT ME!... WHEE!
FLUMF!
A SHORT TIME LATER, BACK IN THE SECRET UNDERGROUND BASE OF KNOTHOLE VILLAGE...
WELCOME ABOARD, BUNNIE! YOU MAKE A GREAT FREEDOM FIGHTER!
THANK YA, ROTOR! BUT OF COURSE, LET'S NOT FORGET...
WE KNOW... YOU WANT TO BE A HAIRDRESSER... JUST AS SOON AS ROBOTNIK'S RUINED, OKAY?
MEANWHILE, YOU CAN PRACTICE ON 'TWAN'S HAIR WHEN HE'S NOT USING IT!
PLUCK!
HEY!
The End
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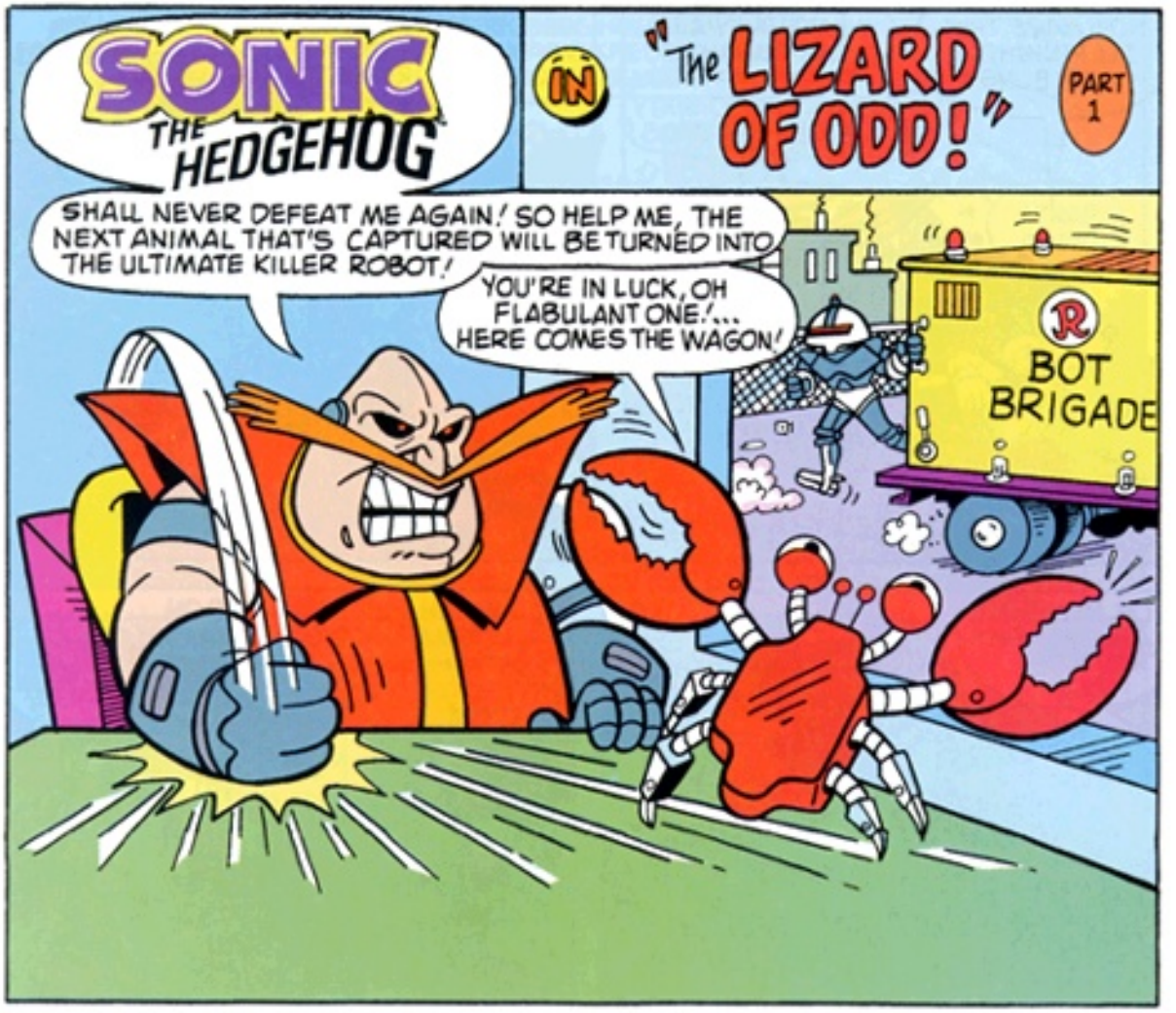
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
IN
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PART 1
SHALL NEVER DEFEAT ME AGAIN! SO HELP ME, THE NEXT ANIMAL THAT'S CAPTURED WILL BE TURNED INTO THE ULTIMATE KILLER ROBOT!
YOU'RE IN LUCK, OH FLABULANT ONE!... HERE COMES THE WAGON!
R
BOT BRIGADE

OH, GOODY! IT LOOKS LIKE THEY LANDED A BIG ONE!
INDEED, MY LUMPY LORD! THEY'RE USING THE EXTRA LARGE CONTAINER!

STAY BACK, EXCELLENCY! WE'RE UNLOADING THE CATCH!
OBOYOBOYOBOY! WHAT IS IT? A RHINO? AN ELEPHANT?
DANGER
...A SALAMANDER, SIR!
WHAT?!
OOK!
YOU GOT ME ALL EXCITED AND MADE ME VOW TO CREATE A SUPER ROBOT OUT OF A SALAMANDER?!
EEK!
:CHOKE: BUT HE'S BIG FOR HIS AGE! :ACK:
:GROWL: WELL, I ALWAYS KEEP MY WORD... LIKE NOW, I PROMISE YOU THREE WILL SPEND THE REST OF YOUR UNNATURAL LIVES IN THE SLAG SHOP!
TAKE THEM AWAY, CRABMEAT!
MOVE ALONG, BOYS!
SLAG SHOP
NO EXIT
WOE
IS
US!
OOKA OOK!
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OH, WELL... HERE GOES NOTHING... ROBOTICIZE HIM BUZZBOMBER!
YES, MASTER!
ROBO-MACHINE PAT. PEND.
EEK!
WHEW! I'M SWEATING 10-W-40... CRANK UP THE A.C.!
UHH... SURE... HMM... WHICH BUTTON?...
NO, YOU BUMBLING BEE! THAT'S THE SIZE CONTROL KNOB! THE ROBOT WILL GROW OUT OF CONTROL!
RED ALERT
HONK! TOOT!
BLAT!
UH-OH!
BA-BA-BLOOEY!
SUFFERING SUB-PLOTS! THE LITTLE LIZARD'S BECOME ENORMOUS!
AND POWERFUL! YOUR MACHINE'S OVERLOAD HAS MADE ME THE STRONGEST ROBOT EVER! THIS WORLD WILL SOON BELONG TO: Universalamander!
SNORT!
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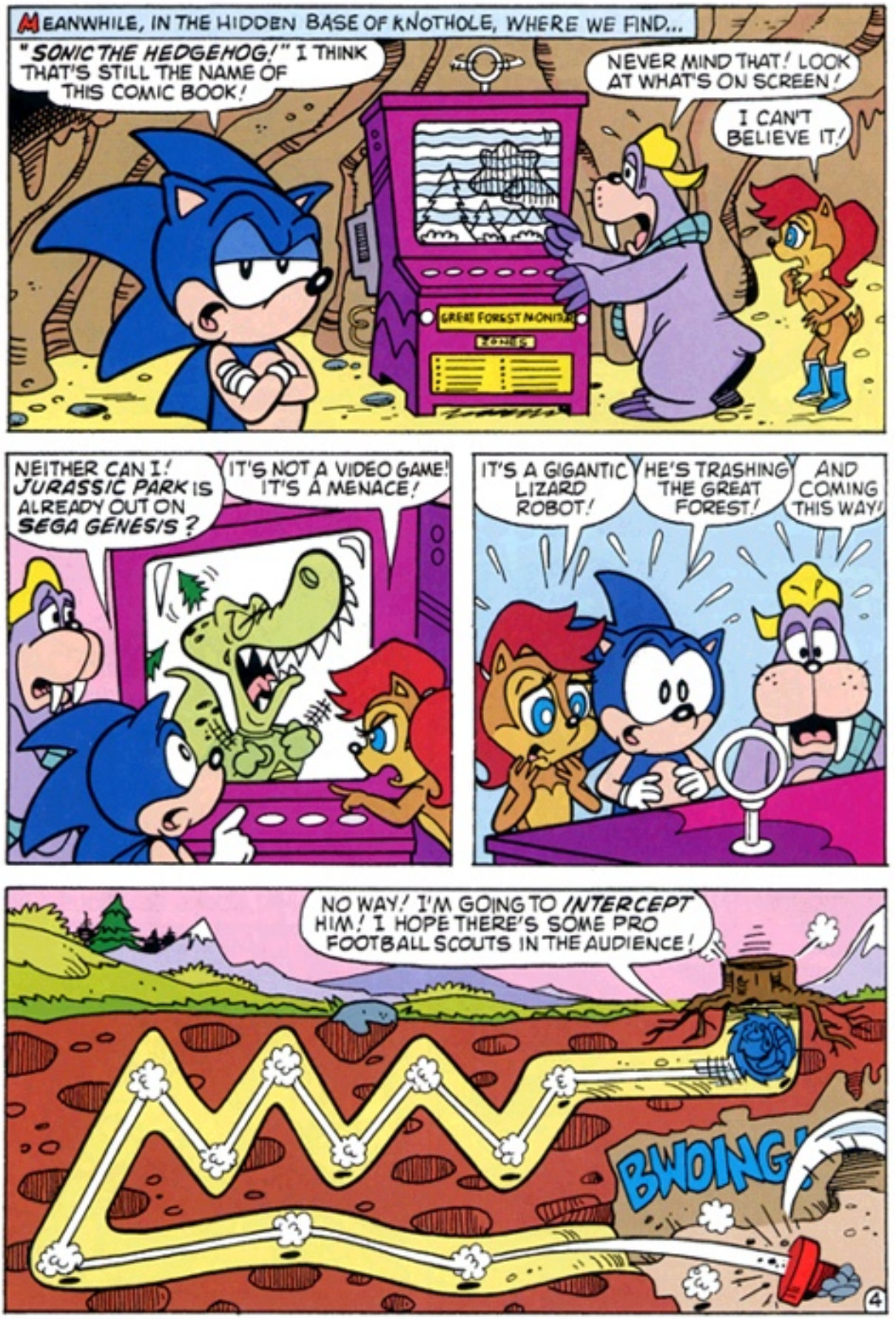
MEANWHILE, IN THE HIDDEN BASE OF KNOTHOLE, WHERE WE FIND...
"SONIC THE HEDGEHOG!" I THINK THAT'S STILL THE NAME OF THIS COMIC BOOK!
NEVER MIND THAT! LOOK AT WHAT'S ON SCREEN!
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!
GREAT FOREST MONITOR
ZONES
NEITHER CAN I! JURASSIC PARK IS ALREADY OUT ON SEGA GENESIS?
IT'S NOT A VIDEO GAME! IT'S A MENACE!
IT'S A GIGANTIC LIZARD ROBOT!
HE'S TRASHING THE GREAT FOREST!
AND COMING THIS WAY!
NO WAY! I'M GOING TO INTERCEPT HIM! I HOPE THERE'S SOME PRO FOOTBALL SCOUTS IN THE AUDIENCE!
BWOING!
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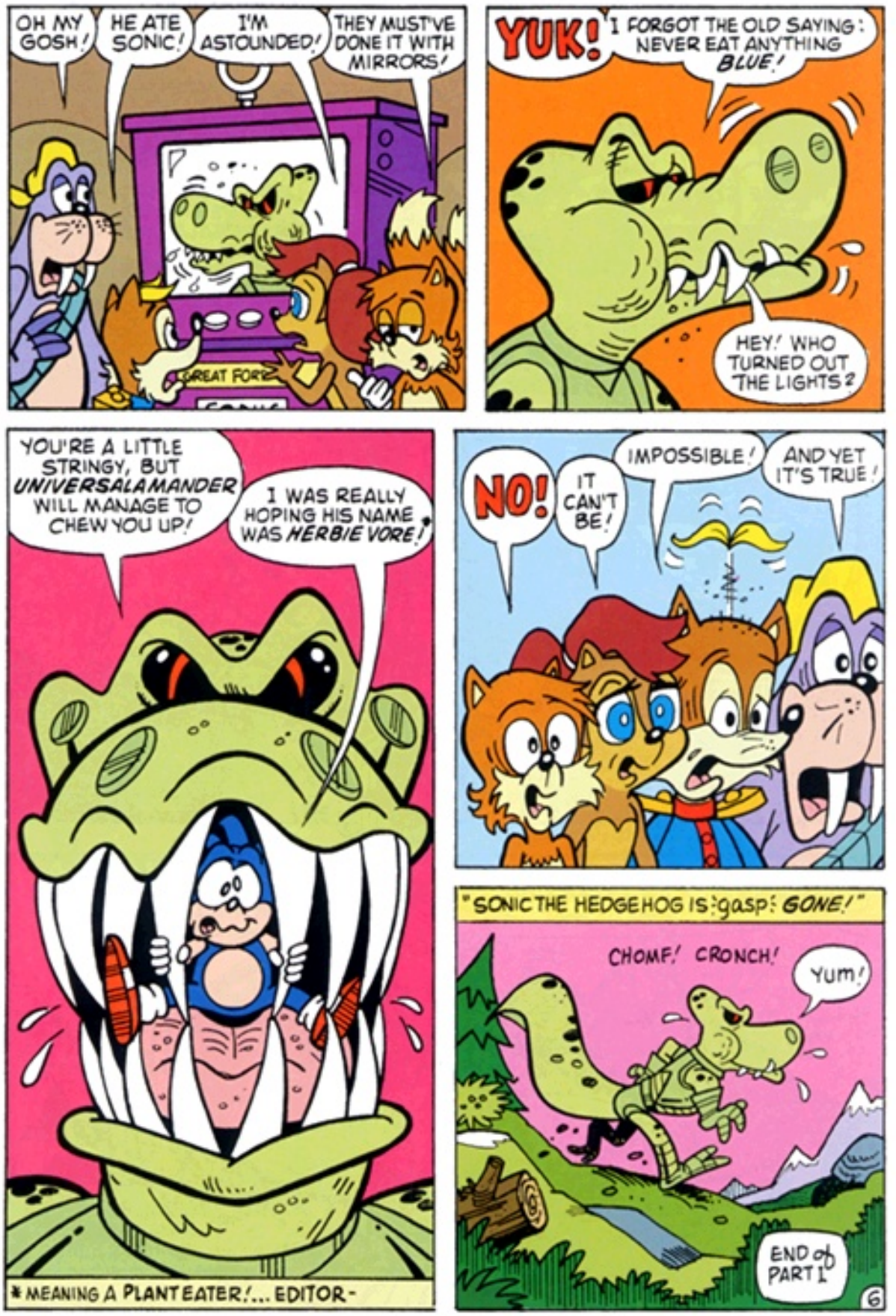
WHAT THE--?! IT'S ROBOTNIK... TAKING OFF IN HIS EGG-O-MATIC!
UNIVERSALAMANDER IS TOO POWERFUL! I'M GETTING OFF MOBIUS BEFORE HE DESTROYS IT... AND ME!

WHAT'S HE SO AFRAID OF?...
ROWR!
YIPE! THINGS ON TV ALWAYS LOOK BIGGER IN REAL LIFE!
BOOM!
THUMP!

HEADS UP, SCALEFACE! LET'S SEE WHAT YOU THINK OF A SONIC SPIN!
ZWEEEEEE

I THINK IT LOOKS DELICIOUS!
CHOMP!
HEY!


OH MY GOSH!
HE ATE SONIC!
I'M ASTOUNDED!
THEY MUST'VE DONE IT WITH MIRRORS!
GREAT FORK
YUK!
I FORGOT THE OLD SAYING: NEVER EAT ANYTHING BLUE!
HEY! WHO TURNED OUT THE LIGHTS?
YOU'RE A LITTLE STRINGY, BUT UNIVERSALAMANDER WILL MANAGE TO CHEW YOU UP!
I WAS REALLY HOPING HIS NAME WAS HERBIE VORE!
* MEANING A PLANT EATER!... EDITOR-
NO!
IT CAN'T BE!
IMPOSSIBLE!
AND YET IT'S TRUE!
"SONIC THE HEDGEHOG IS :gasp: GONE!"
CHOMF! CRONCH!
Yum!
END of PART 1
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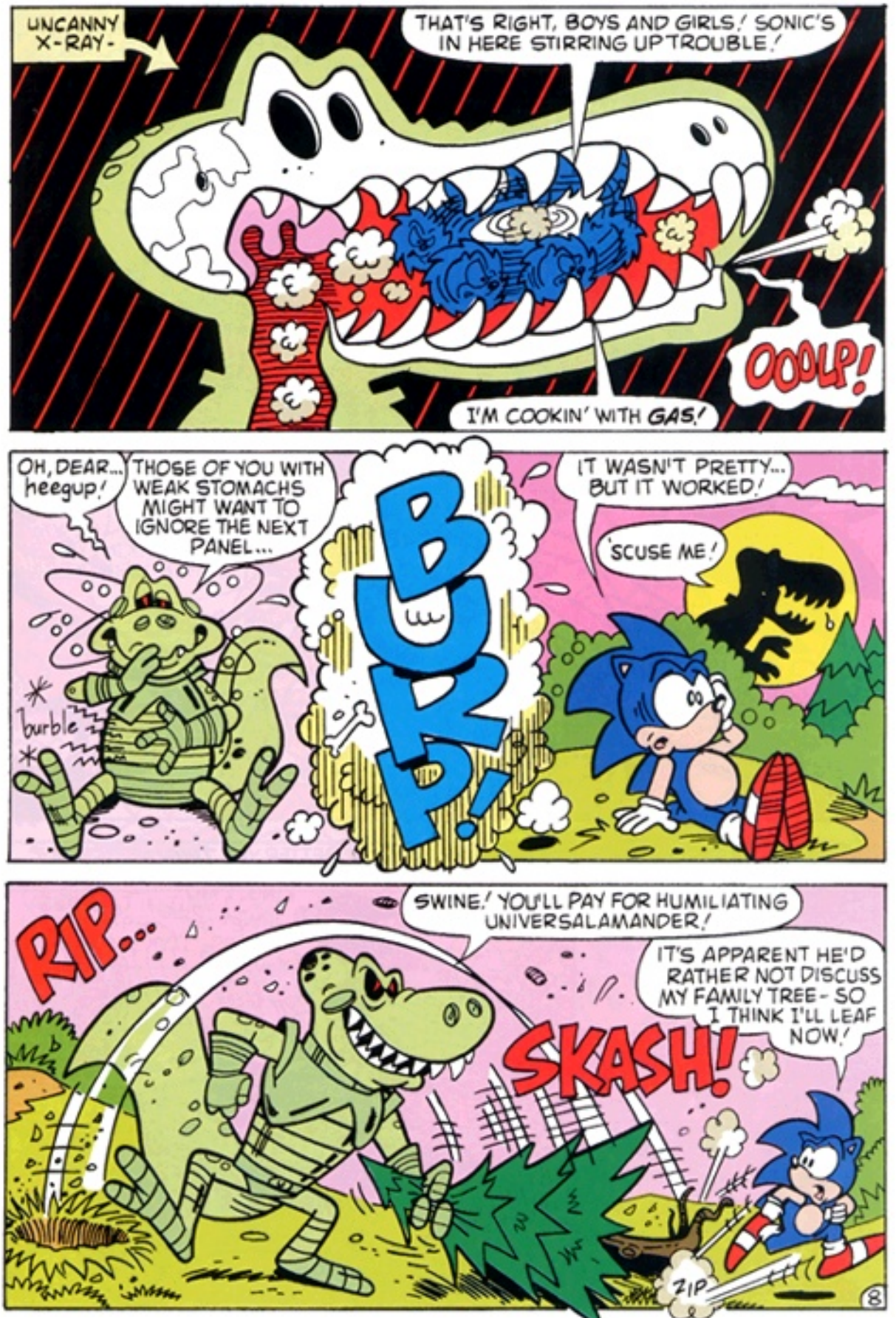
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
IN
"THE LIZARD OF ODD!"
PART II
WILL BE SCAVENGED!
THAT'S AVENGED, ANTOINE!
LOOK! SOMETHING'S HAPPENING TO UNIVERSALAMANDER!
25¢
HONK!
THIS HEDGEHOG JUST ISN'T :gurgle: AGREEING WITH ME... :OOOgah:...
A FREEDOM FIGHTER NEVER AGREES WITH TWO BIT DICTATORS!*
* PAID POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENT Princess Sally Treasurer.


UNCANNY X-RAY-
THAT'S RIGHT, BOYS AND GIRLS! SONIC'S IN HERE STIRRING UP TROUBLE!
OOOLP!
I'M COOKIN' WITH GAS!
OH, DEAR... heegup!
THOSE OF YOU WITH WEAK STOMACHS MIGHT WANT TO IGNORE THE NEXT PANEL...
burble
BURP!
IT WASN'T PRETTY... BUT IT WORKED!
'SCUSE ME!
RIP...
SWINE! YOU'LL PAY FOR HUMILIATING UNIVERSALAMANDER!
IT'S APPARENT HE'D RATHER NOT DISCUSS MY FAMILY TREE - SO I THINK I'LL LEAF NOW!
SKASH!
ZIP
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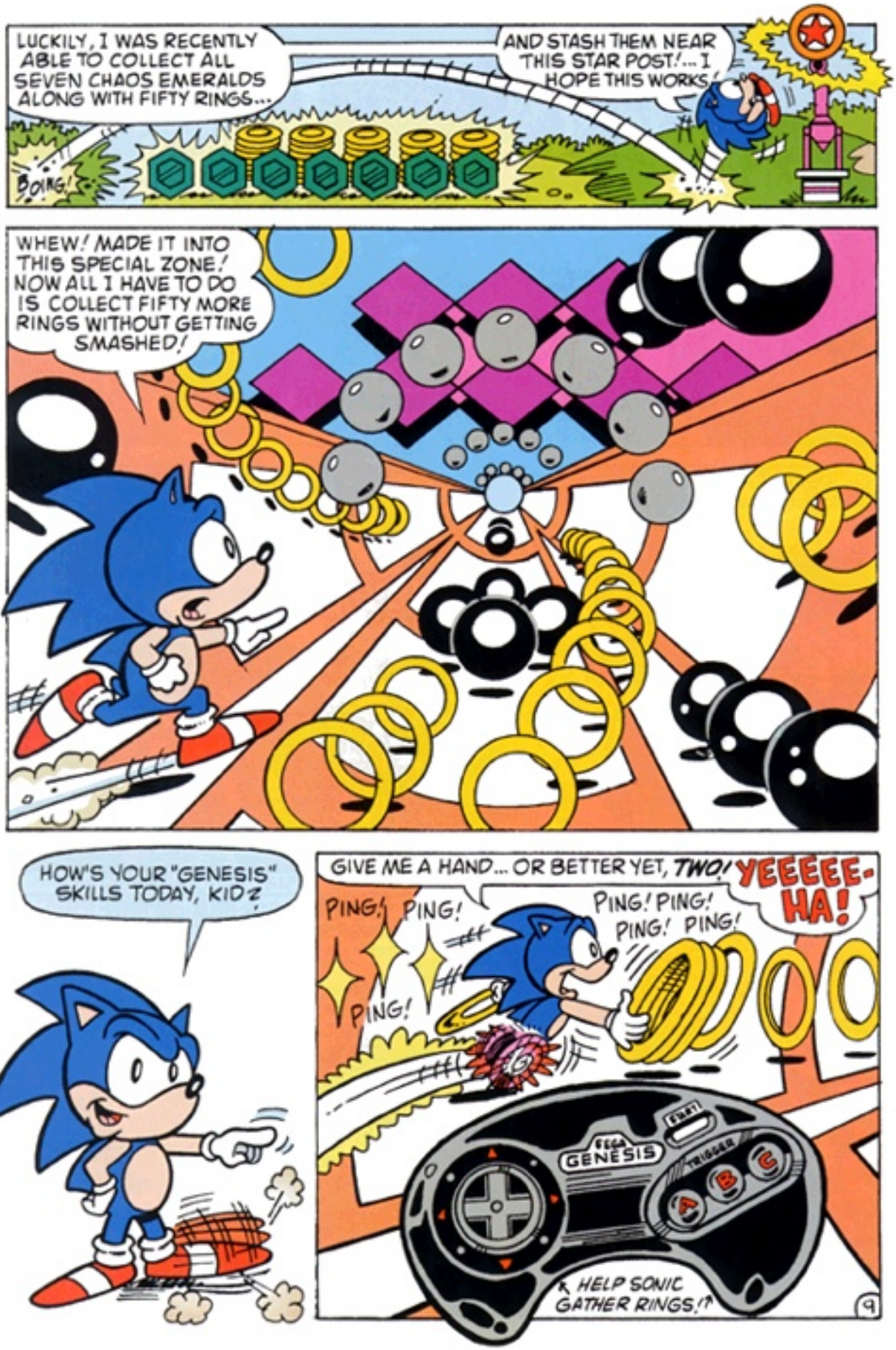
LUCKILY, I WAS RECENTLY ABLE TO COLLECT ALL SEVEN CHAOS EMERALDS ALONG WITH FIFTY RINGS...
AND STASH THEM NEAR THIS STAR POST!... I HOPE THIS WORKS!
BOING!
WHEW! MADE IT INTO THIS SPECIAL ZONE! NOW ALL I HAVE TO DO IS COLLECT FIFTY MORE RINGS WITHOUT GETTING SMASHED!
HOW'S YOUR "GENESIS" SKILLS TODAY, KID?
GIVE ME A HAND... OR BETTER YET, TWO!
YEEEEE-HA!
PING! PING! PING! PING! PING! PING! PING!
GENESIS
HELP SONIC GATHER RINGS!
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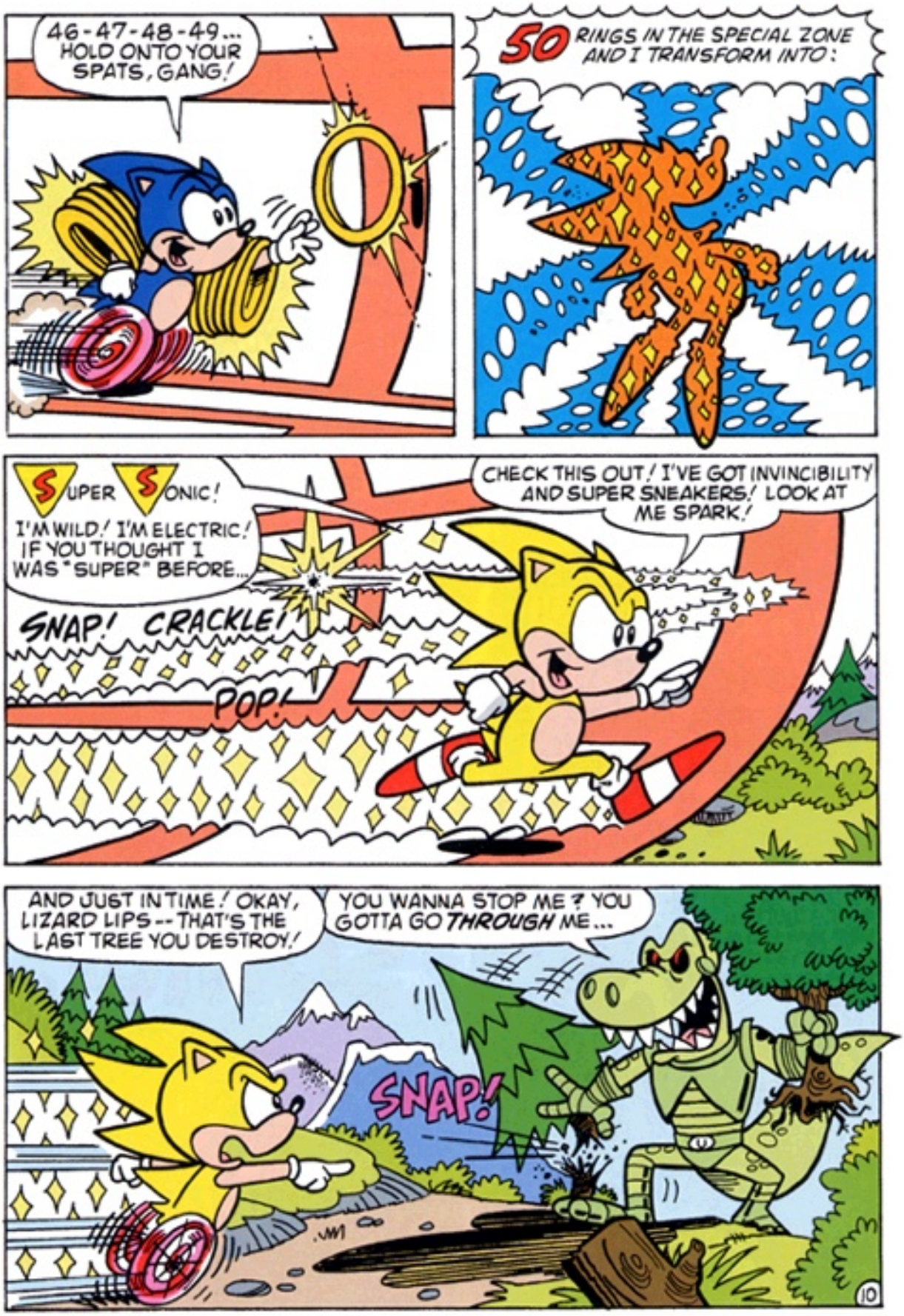
46-47-48-49... HOLD ONTO YOUR SPATS, GANG!
50 RINGS IN THE SPECIAL ZONE AND I TRANSFORM INTO:
SUPER SONIC!
I'M WILD! I'M ELECTRIC! IF YOU THOUGHT I WAS "SUPER" BEFORE...
CHECK THIS OUT! I'VE GOT INVINCIBILITY AND SUPER SNEAKERS! LOOK AT ME SPARK!
SNAP! CRACKLE!
POP!
AND JUST IN TIME! OKAY, LIZARD LIPS -- THAT'S THE LAST TREE YOU DESTROY!
YOU WANNA STOP ME? YOU GOTTA GO THROUGH ME...
SNAP!
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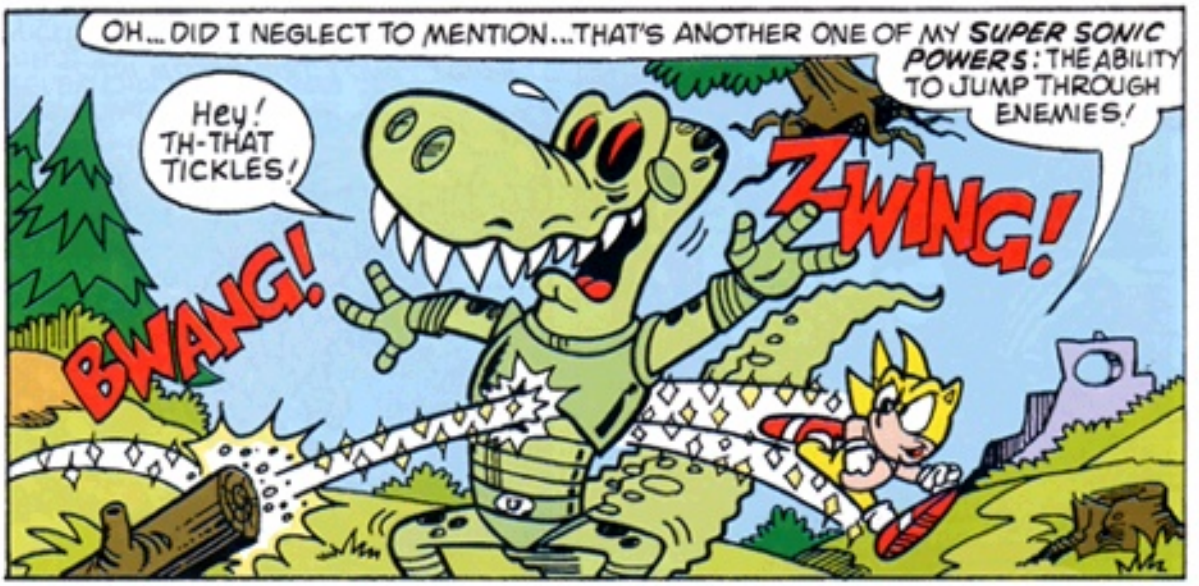
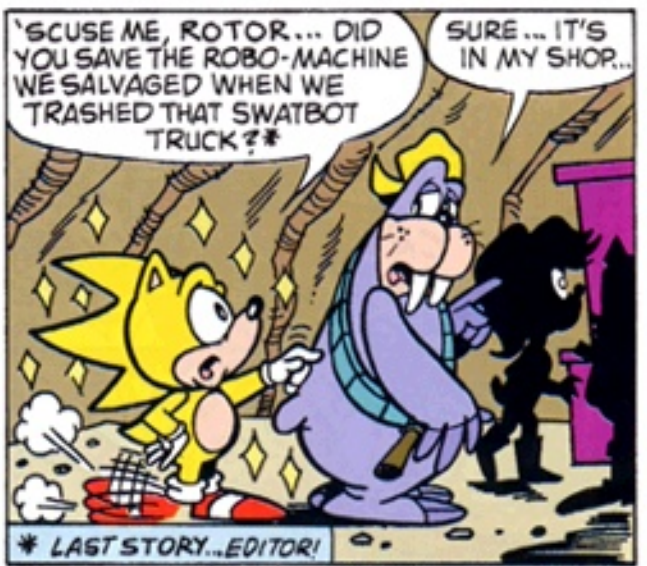
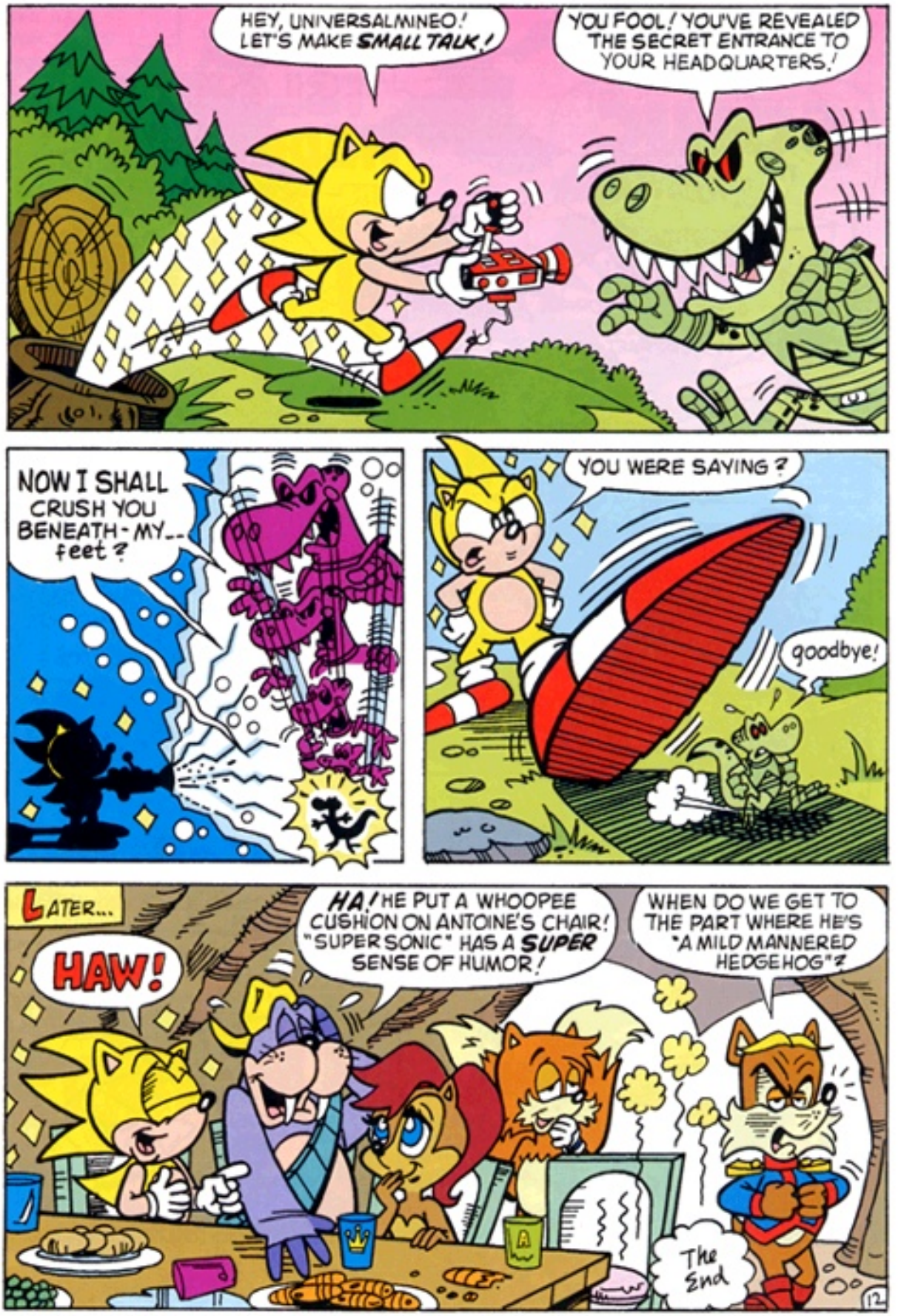

OH... DID I NEGLECT TO MENTION... THAT'S ANOTHER ONE OF MY SUPER SONIC POWERS: THE ABILITY TO JUMP THROUGH ENEMIES!
Hey! TH-THAT TICKLES!
BWANG!
Z-WING!

HOLY ABALONE! DID YOU SEE THAT MOVE?
I MUST ADMIT... SONIC IS AMAZING!
BUT HE'S MOVING SO FAST... WHERE DID HE GO?
MY HERO!


'SCUSE ME, ROTOR... DID YOU SAVE THE ROBO-MACHINE WE SALVAGED WHEN WE TRASHED THAT SWATBOT TRUCK?*
SURE... IT'S IN MY SHOP...
* LAST STORY... EDITOR!

MIND IF I BORROW THE REDUCE/ ENLARGE COMPONENT?
HELP YOURSELF, SONIC!

SONIC?!


HEY, UNIVERSALMINEO! LET'S MAKE SMALL TALK!
YOU FOOL! YOU'VE REVEALED THE SECRET ENTRANCE TO YOUR HEADQUARTERS!
NOW I SHALL CRUSH YOU BENEATH-MY-- feet?
YOU WERE SAYING?
goodbye!
LATER...
HAW!
HA! HE PUT A WHOOPEE CUSHION ON ANTOINE'S CHAIR! "SUPER SONIC" HAS A SUPER SENSE OF HUMOR!
WHEN DO WE GET TO THE PART WHERE HE'S "A MILD MANNERED HEDGEHOG"?
The End
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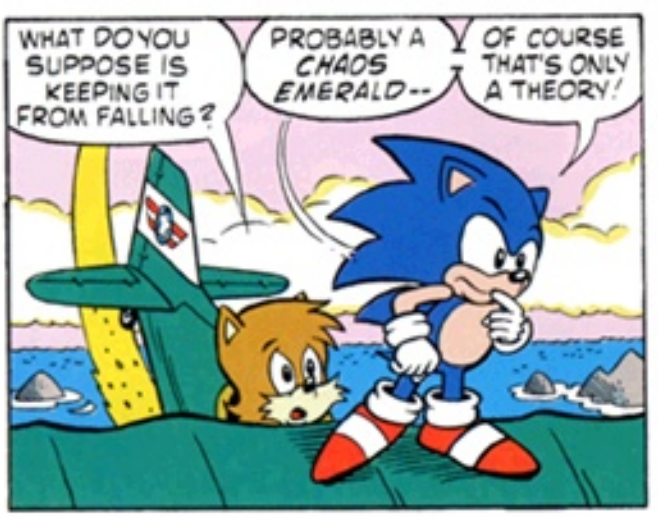
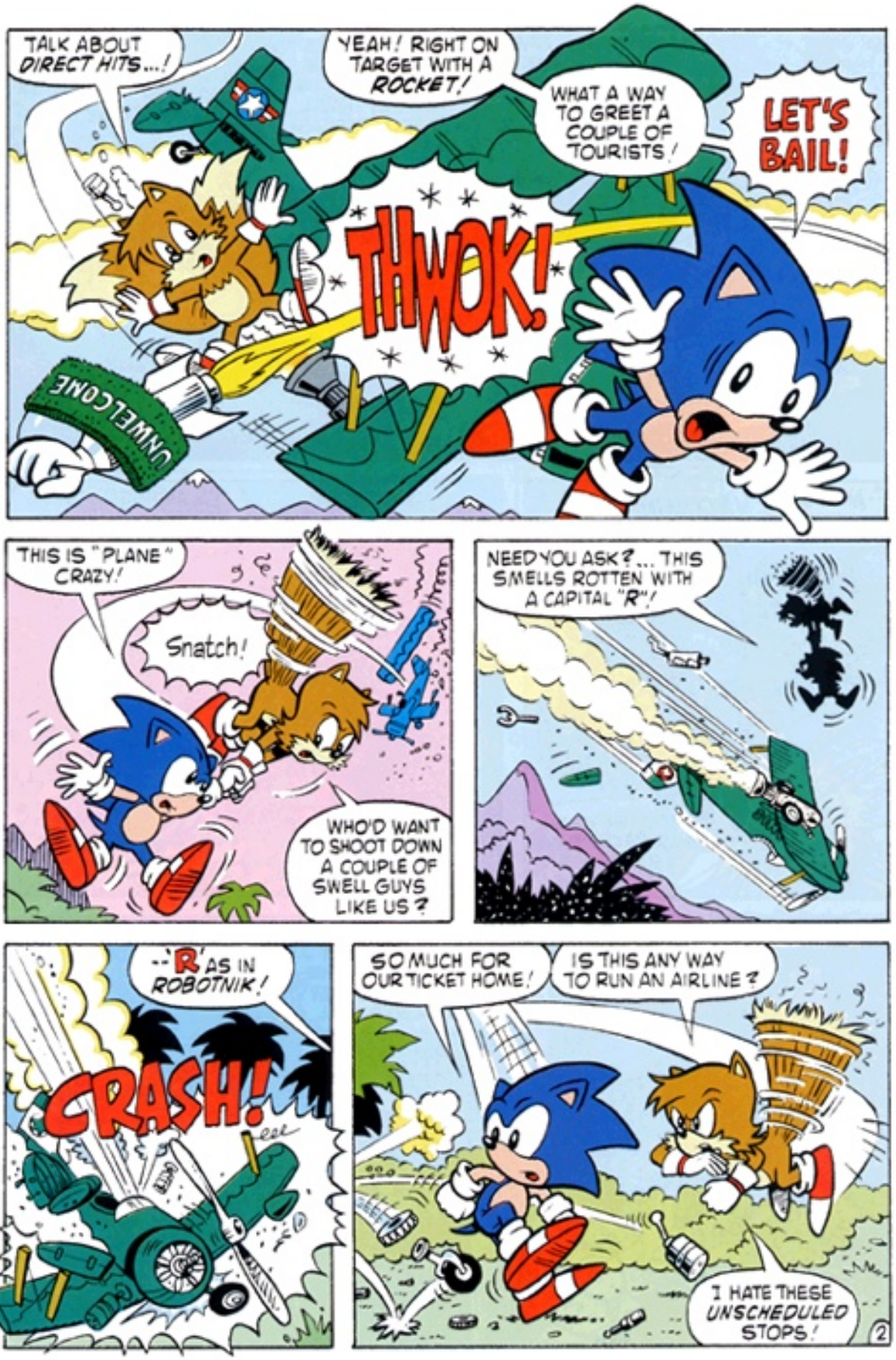
NOW THAT'S SOMETHING YOU DON'T SEE EVERY DAY,
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™
in
THIS ISLAND HEDGEHOG
PART 1
YOU'RE RIGHT, TAILS! WE FLY OUT LOOKING FOR ROBOTNIK'S HOVERCRAFT--
--AND WE FIND AN ISLAND IN THE SKY!
SONIC


WHAT DO YOU SUPPOSE IS KEEPING IT FROM FALLING?
PROBABLY A CHAOS EMERALD--
OF COURSE THAT'S ONLY A THEORY!

STILL, IT SEEMS THE MOST LOGICAL EXPLANATION!
AHHH... A COUPLE OF UNWANTED GUESTS!
MAYBE WE SHOULD CHECK IT OUT!
TIME TO ROLL OUT THE UNWELCOME MAT!


TALK ABOUT DIRECT HITS...!
YEAH! RIGHT ON TARGET WITH A ROCKET!
WHAT A WAY TO GREET A COUPLE OF TOURISTS!
LET'S BAIL!
THWOK!
UNWELCOME
THIS IS "PLANE" CRAZY!
Snatch!
WHO'D WANT TO SHOOT DOWN A COUPLE OF SWELL GUYS LIKE US?
NEED YOU ASK?... THIS SMELLS ROTTEN WITH A CAPITAL "R"!
--"R" AS IN ROBOTNIK!
CRASH!
SO MUCH FOR OUR TICKET HOME!
IS THIS ANY WAY TO RUN AN AIRLINE?
I HATE THESE UNSCHEDULED STOPS!
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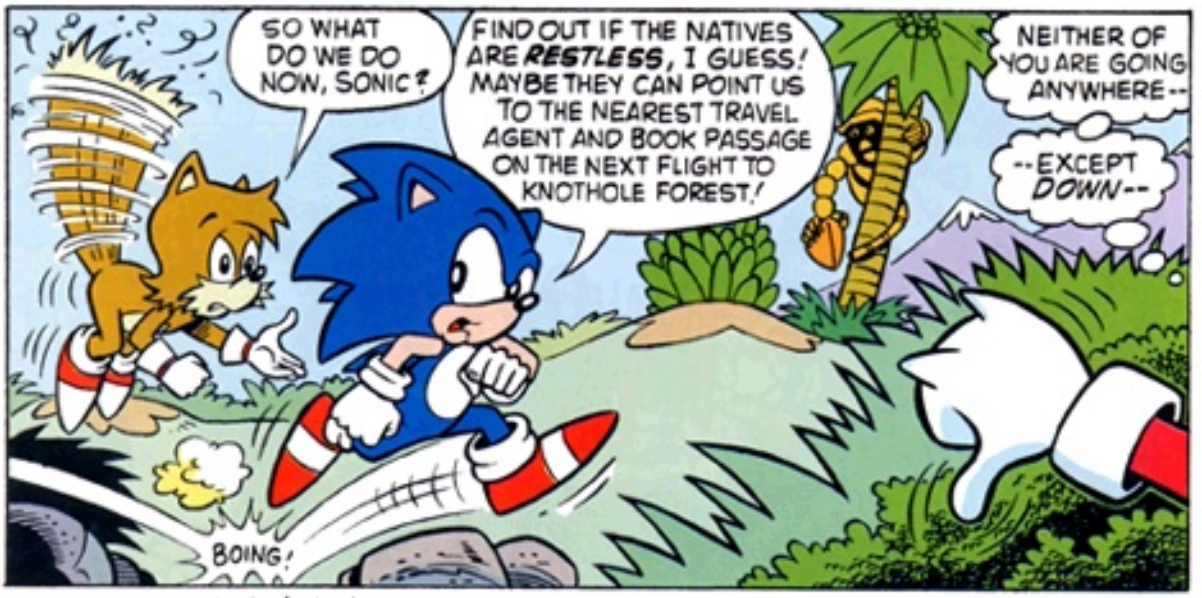
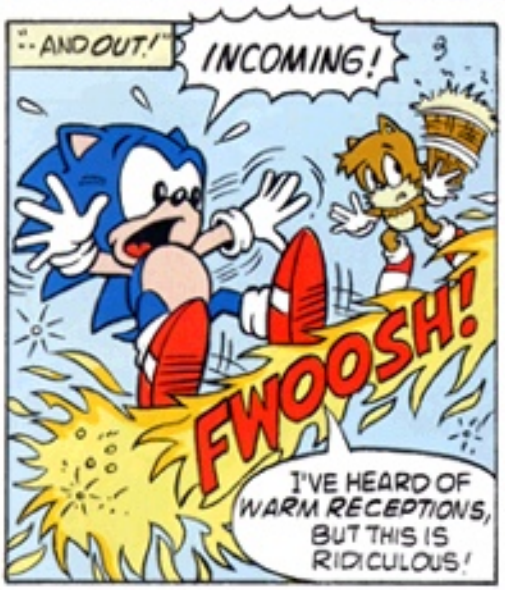
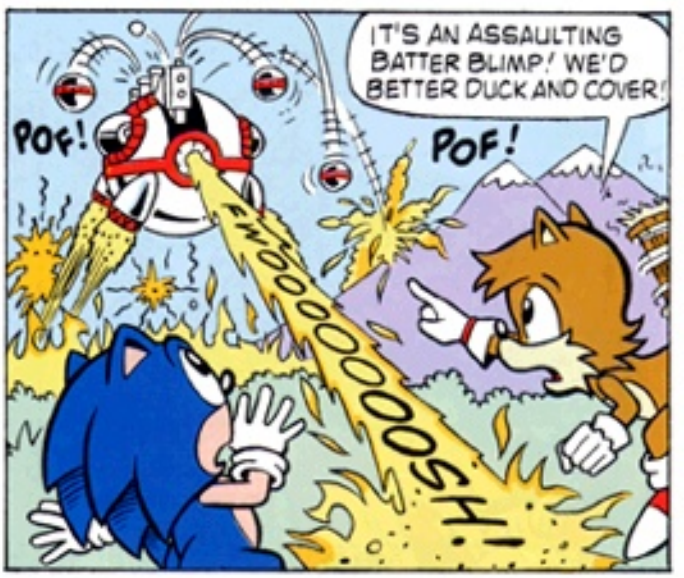

SO WHAT DO WE DO NOW, SONIC?
FIND OUT IF THE NATIVES ARE RESTLESS, I GUESS! MAYBE THEY CAN POINT US TO THE NEAREST TRAVEL AGENT AND BOOK PASSAGE ON THE NEXT FLIGHT TO KNOTHOLE FOREST!
NEITHER OF YOU ARE GOING ANYWHERE--
--EXCEPT DOWN--
BOING!


--AND OUT!"
INCOMING!
FWOOSH!
I'VE HEARD OF WARM RECEPTIONS, BUT THIS IS RIDICULOUS!


IT'S AN ASSAULTING BATTER BLIMP! WE'D BETTER DUCK AND COVER!
POF!
POF!
FWOOOOOOOSH!

HOLY 16-BIT GRAPHICS!
I THINK I'VE JUST BEEN COVERED BY SOME SORT OF ENERGY SHIELD!
SCHOOOUUUMMP!

NO TELLING HOW LONG THE EFFECT WILL LAST! BETTER GET OUR FEET WET WHILE WE'RE STILL ABLE! HIT THE DRINK, TAILS!
BUT IT ISN'T EVEN SATURDAY NIGHT!
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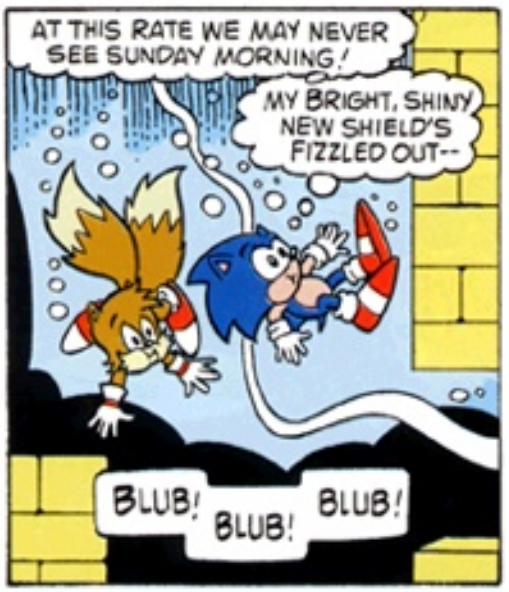
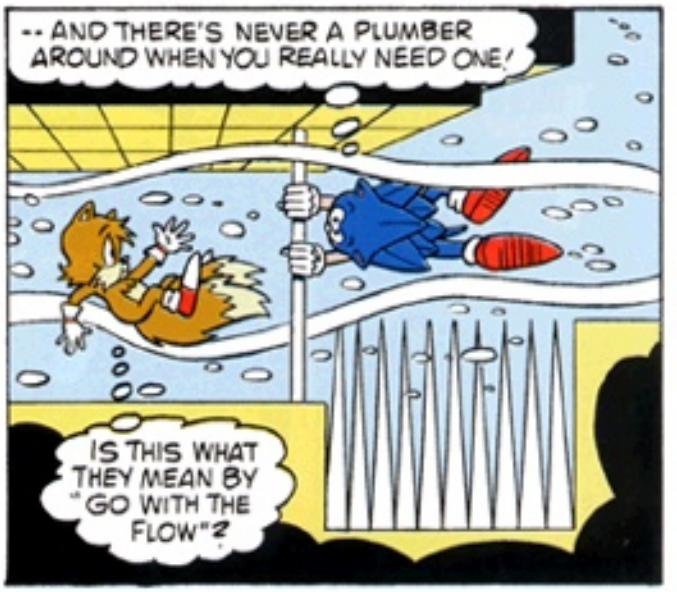
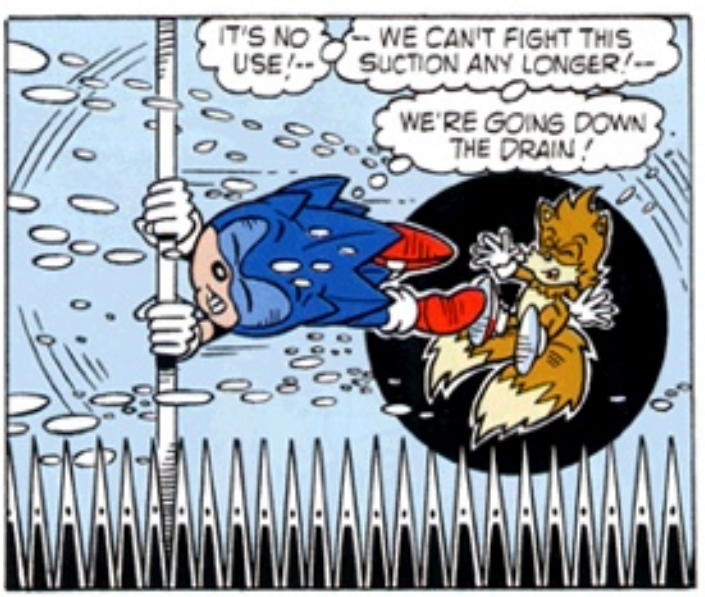

AT THIS RATE WE MAY NEVER SEE SUNDAY MORNING!
MY BRIGHT, SHINY NEW SHIELD'S FIZZLED OUT--
BLUB! BLUB! BLUB!

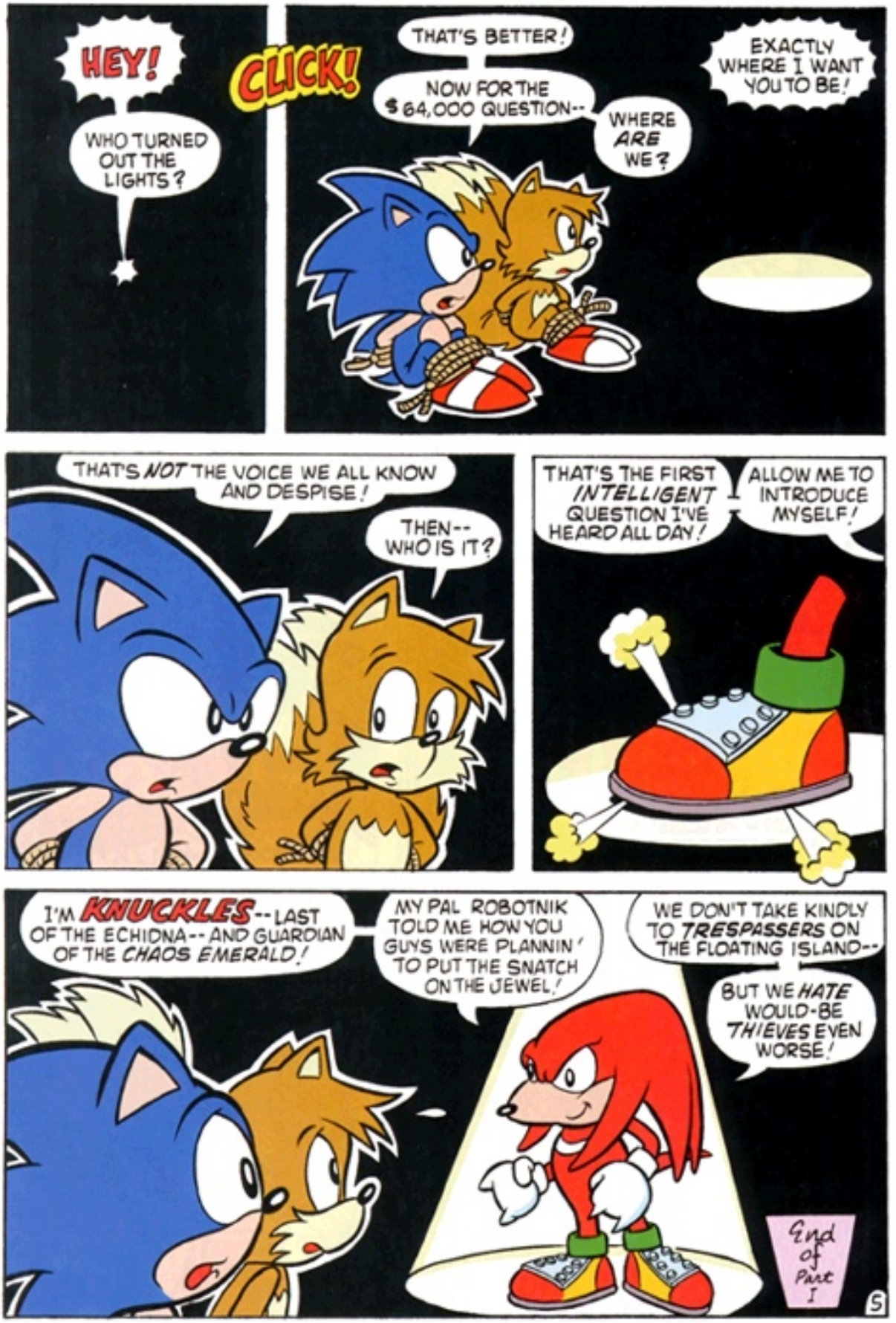

-- AND THERE'S NEVER A PLUMBER AROUND WHEN YOU REALLY NEED ONE!
IS THIS WHAT THEY MEAN BY "GO WITH THE FLOW"?

HEY, READERS! HELP SONIC BY PUSHING THOSE BUTTONS ON YOUR SEGA GENESIS!
CRUMBLE!

WHOOPS! NOT QUICK ENOUGH! OH WELL, PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT!
SWOOSH! OOSHH!


IT'S NO USE!--
-- WE CAN'T FIGHT THIS SUCTION ANY LONGER!--
WE'RE GOING DOWN THE DRAIN!

BLACKING OUT--
LOOKS--
LIKE WE'RE--
--SUNK...


HEY!
WHO TURNED OUT THE LIGHTS?
CLICK!
THAT'S BETTER!
NOW FOR THE $64,000 QUESTION--
WHERE ARE WE?
EXACTLY WHERE I WANT YOU TO BE!
THAT'S NOT THE VOICE WE ALL KNOW AND DESPISE!
THEN-- WHO IS IT?
THAT'S THE FIRST INTELLIGENT QUESTION I'VE HEARD ALL DAY!
ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE MYSELF!
I'M KNUCKLES-- LAST OF THE ECHIDNA-- AND GUARDIAN OF THE CHAOS EMERALD!
MY PAL ROBOTNIK TOLD ME HOW YOU GUYS WERE PLANNIN' TO PUT THE SNATCH ON THE JEWEL!
WE DON'T TAKE KINDLY TO TRESPASSERS ON THE FLOATING ISLAND--
BUT WE HATE WOULD-BE THIEVES EVEN WORSE!
End of Part I
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SONIC THE HEDGEHOG,
IN
THIS ISLAND HEDGEHOG
PART 2
CORRECT, YOU TWO-TAILED TWIT!
WHILE THAT DOPE OF A DUPE DEALS WITH MY HATED ENEMY --
YOU WERE RIGHT! IT IS A CHAOS EMERALD THAT KEEPS THIS ISLAND AFLOAT!
--WE SHALL ABSCOND WITH THE GEM IN QUESTION--AND USE ITS ENERGIES TO RECHARGE MY CRIPPLED HOVERCRAFT!
OOOH, YOU'RE SO EVIL, DOCTOR!-- PLAYING THE ECHIDNA AGAINST THE HEDGEHOG WAS A STROKE OF GENIUS!
I KNOW, SNIVELY, I KNOW!
WATCH CAREFULLY!
THIS IS THE PART I REALLY LIKE!
THAT PROVES IT! ROBOTNIK WAS RIGHT!
HOW ELSE WOULD YOU GUYS KNOW ABOUT THE EMERALD?
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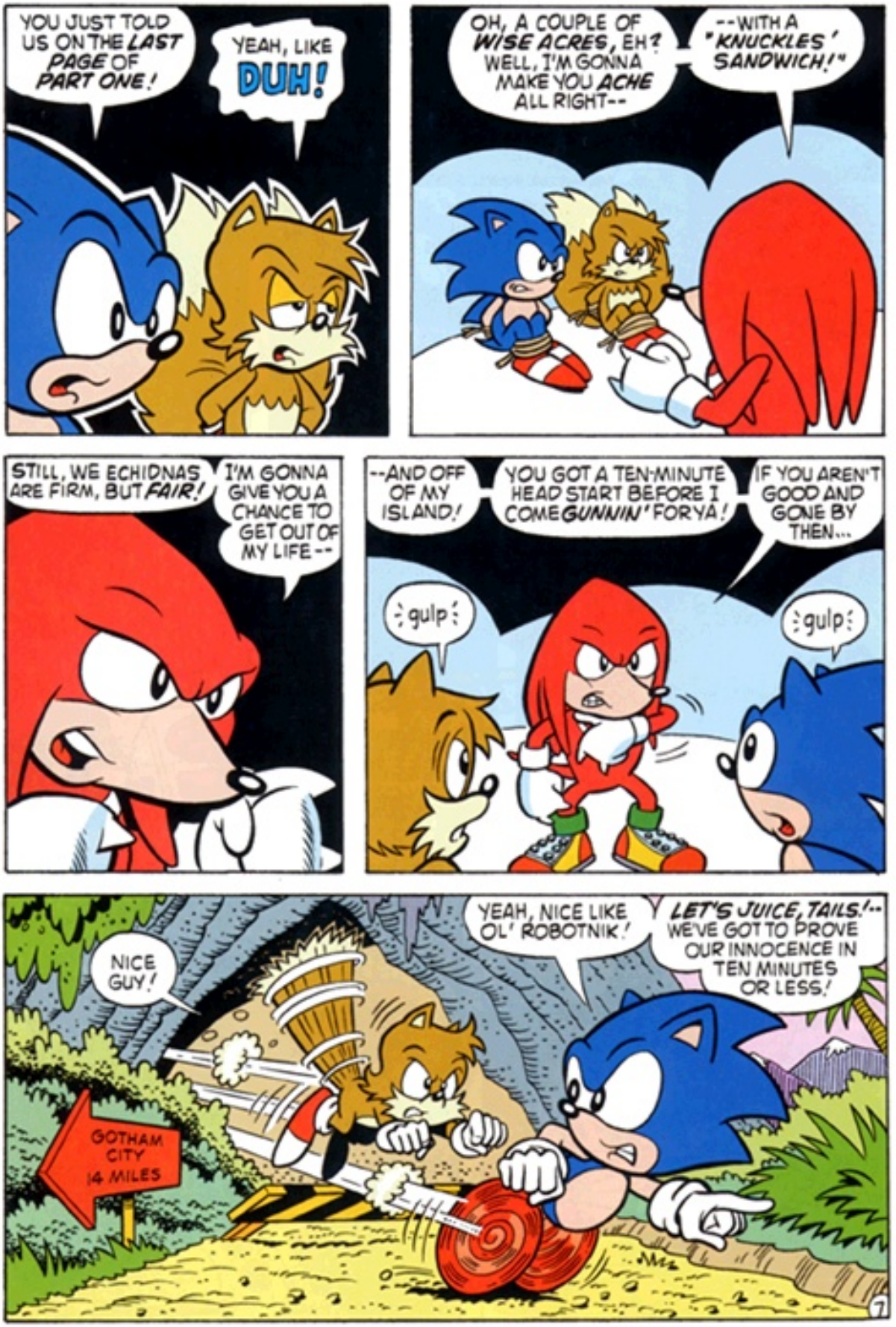
YOU JUST TOLD US ON THE LAST PAGE OF PART ONE!
YEAH, LIKE DUH!
OH, A COUPLE OF WISE ACRES, EH? WELL, I'M GONNA MAKE YOU ACHE ALL RIGHT--
--WITH A "KNUCKLES' SANDWICH!"
STILL, WE ECHIDNAS ARE FIRM, BUT FAIR!
I'M GONNA GIVE YOU A CHANCE TO GET OUT OF MY LIFE--
--AND OFF OF MY ISLAND!
YOU GOT A TEN-MINUTE HEAD START BEFORE I COME GUNNIN' FOR YA!
IF YOU AREN'T GOOD AND GONE BY THEN...
:gulp:
:gulp:
NICE GUY!
YEAH, NICE LIKE OL' ROBOTNIK!
LET'S JUICE, TAILS!-- WE'VE GOT TO PROVE OUR INNOCENCE IN TEN MINUTES OR LESS!
GOTHAM CITY 14 MILES
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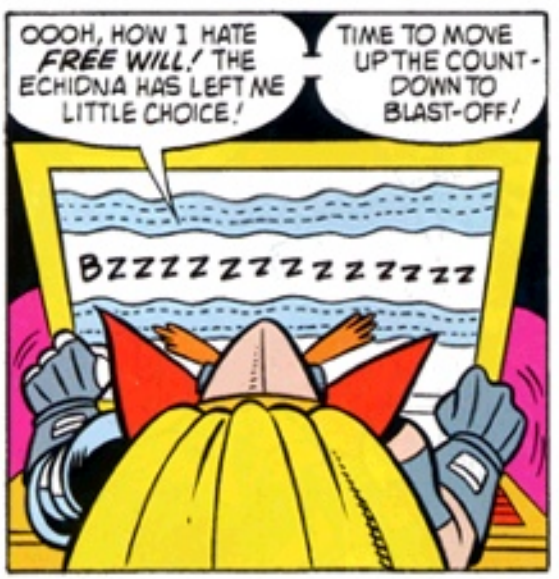
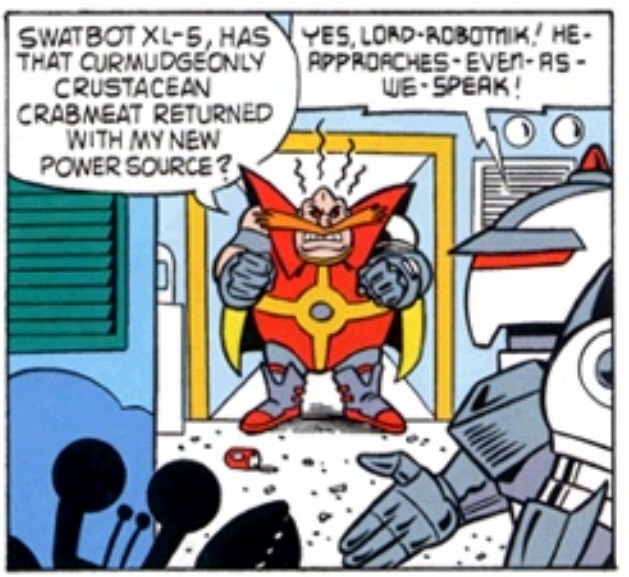
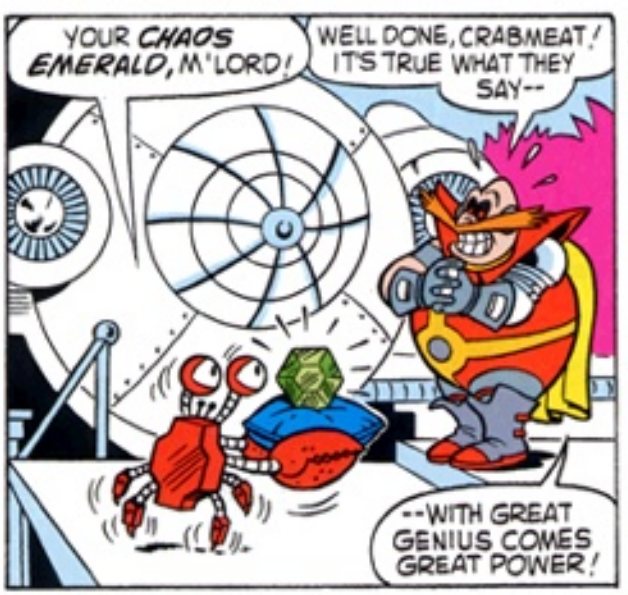
KNUCKLES!!
IS YOUR BRAIN AS TINY AS THE INSECTS YOU DEVOUR?
THOSE TWO ARE JEWEL THIEVES, NOT FREEDOM FIGHTERS -- LIKE ME!*
* LIAR, LIAR, MUSTACHE ON FIRE! - Editor

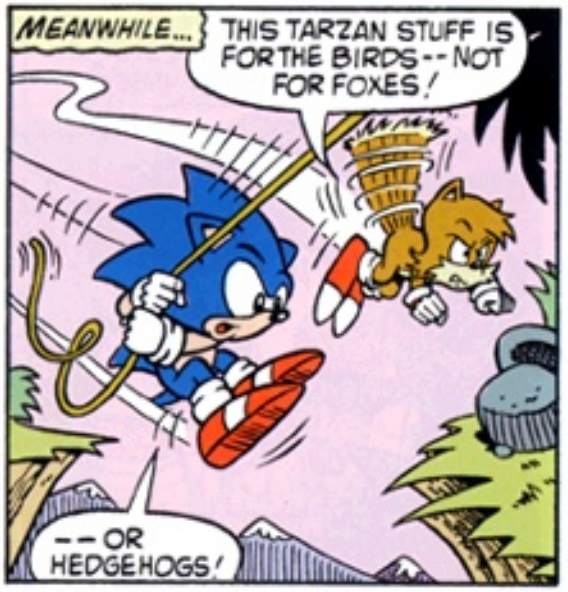
YOU'VE LET THEM SLIP THROUGH YOUR FINGERS!
KEEP YOUR SHIRT ON, DOC! YOU TAKE CARE OF BUSINESS --
--WHILE I GIVE THOSE GUYS THE BUSINESS!


OOOH, HOW I HATE FREE WILL! THE ECHIDNA HAS LEFT ME LITTLE CHOICE!
TIME TO MOVE UP THE COUNT-DOWN TO BLAST-OFF!
BZZZZZZZZZZZZZZ


SWATBOT XL-5, HAS THAT CURMUDGEONLY CRUSTACEAN CRABMEAT RETURNED WITH MY NEW POWER SOURCE?
YES, LORD-ROBOTNIK! HE-APPROACHES-EVEN-AS-WE-SPEAK!


YOUR CHAOS EMERALD, M'LORD!
WELL DONE, CRABMEAT! IT'S TRUE WHAT THEY SAY--
--WITH GREAT GENIUS COMES GREAT POWER!

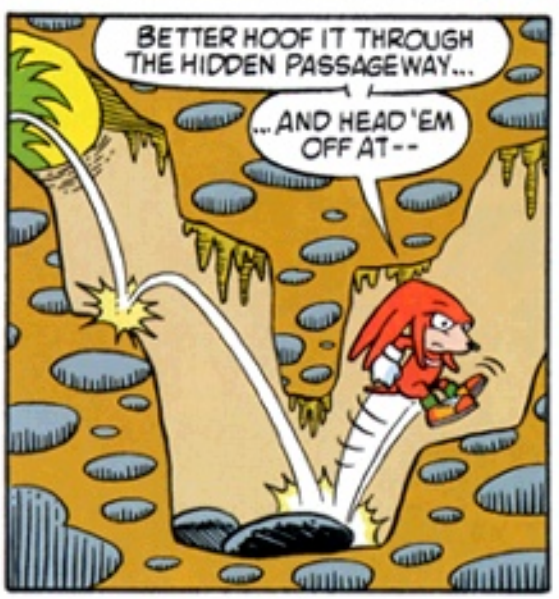
AT LAST!
ALL THE FORCES OF THE UNIVERSE IN ONE BRIGHT, SHINY, GREEN JEWEL!
I PITY THE HEDGEHOG WHO MESSES WITH ME NOW!


MEANWHILE...
THIS TARZAN STUFF IS FOR THE BIRDS -- NOT FOR FOXES!
-- OR HEDGEHOGS!

WE KNOW WE'RE INNOCENT, SONIC, BUT HOW DO WE PROVE IT?
WE'RE NOT GOING TO, TAILS! IF THINGS RUN TRUE TO FORM -- ROBOTNIK WILL DO IT FOR US!

THEY'RE NOT LEAVIN'!
GOOD THING I'M NOT THE TRUSTIN' TYPE!

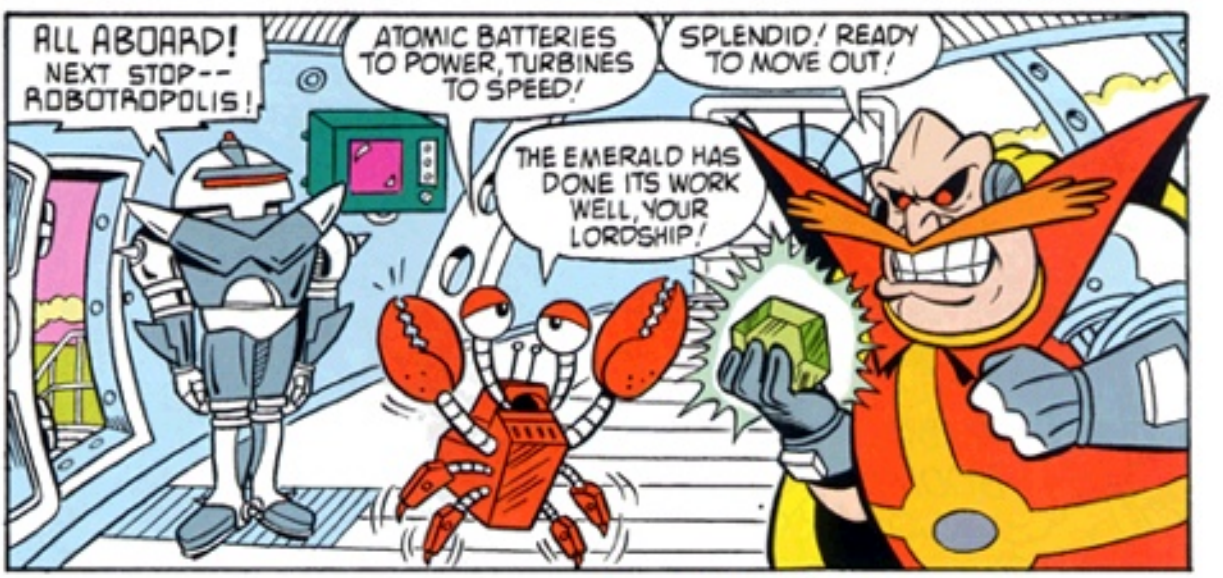
THOSE BUMS ARE HEADIN' STRAIGHT FOR THE JEWEL!
THIS CALLS FOR DRASTIC ACTION!


BETTER HOOF IT THROUGH THE HIDDEN PASSAGEWAY...
...AND HEAD 'EM OFF AT --

--THE STONE?!
POP!
IT ISN'T THERE ANY MORE!

YOU GUYS COULDN'T HAVE TAKEN IT-- CUZ YOU'RE ONLY JUST NOW GETTIN' HERE!
?
WHICH MEANS--
?

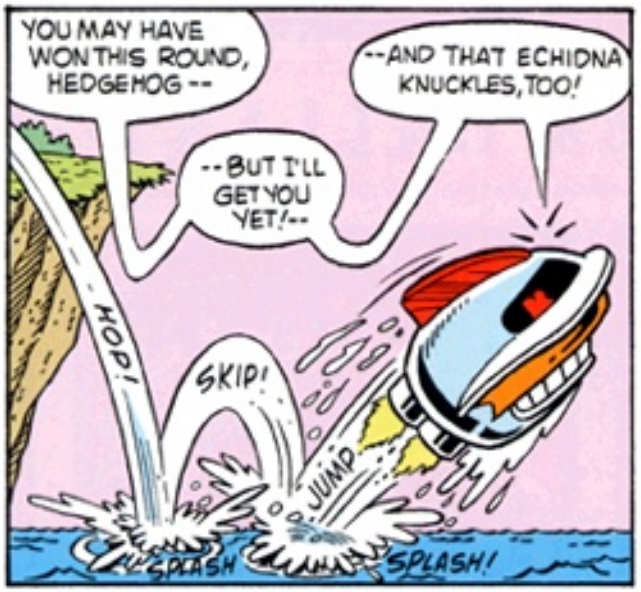
--I'VE BEEN PLAYED FOR A SAP!
AND NOBODY--
BUT NOBODY--
PLAYS KNUCKLES FOR A SAP AND GETS AWAY WITH IT!
LEAD ME TO ROBOTNIK!!


ALL ABOARD! NEXT STOP-- ROBOTROPOLIS!
ATOMIC BATTERIES TO POWER, TURBINES TO SPEED!
SPLENDID! READY TO MOVE OUT!
THE EMERALD HAS DONE ITS WORK WELL, YOUR LORDSHIP!

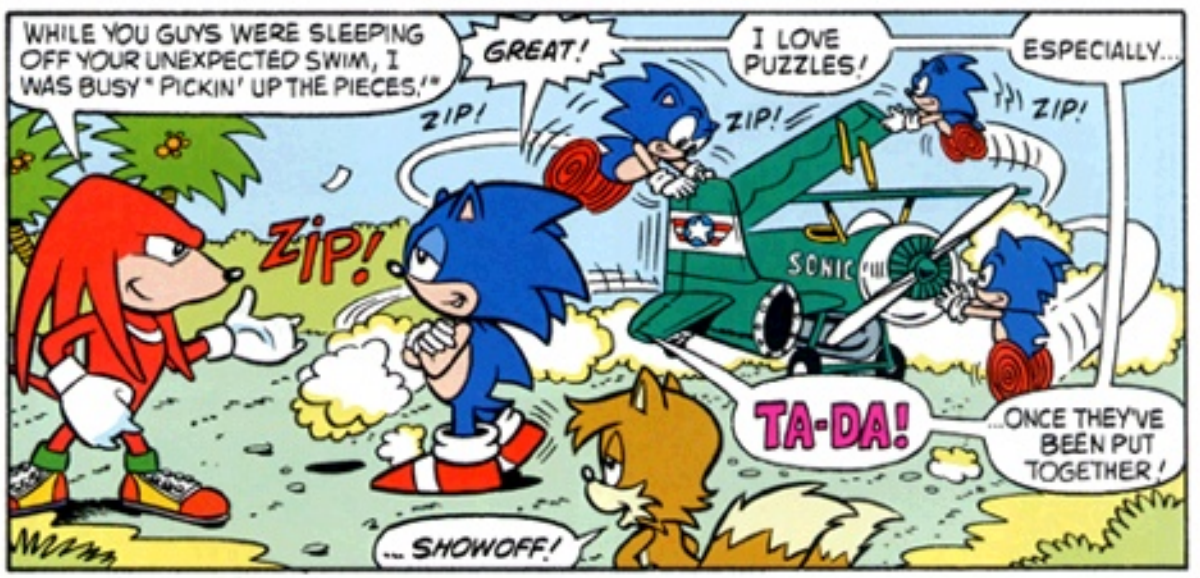
YES!
WE'D BEST HANG ON TO THIS BAUBLE--
NO TELLING WHEN WE MAY NEED IT--

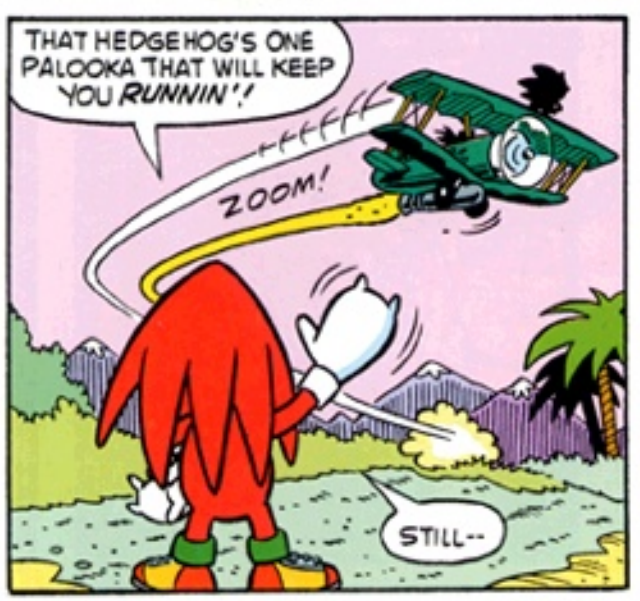
--AGAIN?!
WHOOSH!

LOOKING FOR THIS, ROBO-BUTT?
WELL, LOOK NO FURTHER!
ME AND THE HEDGEHOG HAVE COME TO AN UNDER-STANDIN'!
WE UNDER STAND THAT YOU'RE A JERK!
GET THEM! GET THEM...
NOW!
WHOMP! BOMP! ALU-BOMP!
A-WOMP BAM! BOOM!
NICE JOB!
SMAK!
YOU, TOO!
UH, FELLAS... WHERE'S ROBOTNIK?
VA-ROOM!
THE ENGINES!
WE'RE MOVING!
RATS! THIS IS STILL NO WAY TO RUN AN AIRLINE!
IS IT ALWAYS THIS WAY WIT YOU GUYS?
EVERY DAY--
ALL THE TIME!


YOU MAY HAVE WON THIS ROUND, HEDGEHOG --
--AND THAT ECHIDNA KNUCKLES, TOO!
--BUT I'LL GET YOU YET!--
HOP!
SKIP!
JUMP
SPLASH
SPLASH!

GOOD RIDDANCE TO BAD RUBBISH!
SPEAKING OF THINGS THAT HAVE BEEN TRASHED--
WHAT ABOUT OUR PLANE?
FUNNY YOU SHOULD ASK...


WHILE YOU GUYS WERE SLEEPING OFF YOUR UNEXPECTED SWIM, I WAS BUSY "PICKIN' UP THE PIECES."
GREAT!
I LOVE PUZZLES!
ESPECIALLY...
ZIP!
ZIP!
ZIP!
ZIP!
SONIC
TA-DA!
...ONCE THEY'VE BEEN PUT TOGETHER!
... SHOWOFF!


THAT HEDGEHOG'S ONE PALOOKA THAT WILL KEEP YOU RUNNIN'!
ZOOM!
STILL--

--I HAVE THIS FUNNY FEELING THAT I HAVEN'T SEEN THE LAST OF THOSE MUGS!
IS KNUCKLES FRIEND OR FOE??? SONIC AND TAILS WOULD LIKE TO KNOW!!! CHECK OUT UPCOMING ISSUES FOR FURTHER DETAILS!
The End

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In the aftermath of the devastation created by Robotnik and his mechanical army of **Swatbots**, he subjected the citizens to a process whereby they were remade into mechanical slaves, toiling over the polluted lands on the now recristened **Robotropolis**. As for the king, he was exiled, seemingly forever.

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